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MINUTES OF JANUARY 5, 1978 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Caesar at 12:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners present: Caesar, Figone, Webb, Fedrau, Grandin, Maldonado, Smith and Wada. Excused: Armstrong, Ballou, Mayberry and Salerno. Staff: CPO Botka, Ass't. CPO Cain, Director of Institutions Foote and PO Judy Swenson. Guests: Artists Ruth Asawa and Mae Lee, HRC Director Grant Mickens and staff members, Emmett Roseborough and Gale Roberts, DPC commissioners - Chairman Jane Asselin and Lillian Toupin.

Minutes of December 1, 1977 approved as submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS:

December 6 letter copy of chairman's letter to John Kearney, Principal of Juvenile Court Schools submitted to commissioners for information. Conference call for the Fifth National Conference on Juvenile Justice to be held January 29 - February 2 at the San Francisco Hilton Hotel. Chairman Caesar noted that the registration fee would be waived for one commissioner and it was M/S/C to designate Commissioner Grandin who can share attendance with the chairman if other arrangements for registration fee are not made. Announcement for one day conference, January 11, on the Network of Services for Families, Children and Youth in San Francisco, sponsored by the San Francisco State University Department of Social Work Education.

REPORTS:

Chief Botka announced the untimely death of David Chin, Sr. Probation Officer who is the second probation officer who has died in the past few weeks. He expressed his concern for the stress steming from probation work and the department's loss. He noted the status of probation officer supervisors who have passed their probation period and complimented Warren Cain for his positive introduction of new staff into the department. In the matter of Rafiki Masada and D.S.S. status offender funds are depleted however three months additional funding pending along with new match money. Noted that staff and commission participation in the conference sponsored by the San Francisco State University is valuable and both he and Chairman Caesar urged commissioners to attend. Juvenile Court is developing a Blood Bank program for court staff and invited commissioners to participate. In conclusion he submitted a calendar listing all regularly scheduled meetings/events held at the youth guidance center and invited the commissioners to attend

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these meetings when possible. Chairman Caesar commended both Chief Botka and Ass't. Chief Cain for their printed reporting procedure of all staff meetings being made available to the commissioners.

Assistant CPO Cain reported on the "anatomy of a case" involving a youth assigned to PO Judy Swenson. She recognized an exceptional interest in the field of art and discussed the potential with Ruth Asawa. Artists Asawa and Lee worked with the court volunteer auxiliary to secure art materials and some funds to develop the youth's interest. The results have been outstanding. They perceive a long range art program which can be introduced into the present range of programs, provided funding can be secured. Mrs. Asawa asked the commission to support funding. Chief Botka expressed his appreciation for bringing this need to our attention. Chairman Caesar asked the commissioners to adopt a resolution for support. Commissioner Wada suggested that Chief Botka and Mrs. Asawa prepare and present a proposal to us in writing to determine a comprehensive direction for funding.

Jane Asselin asked for recognition to extend an invitation to a breakfast meeting, during the National Conference on Juvenile Justice, January 31 at 7:45 a.m., at the San Franciscan Hotel. Keynoter is Kenneth Wooden, conference panelist, lecturer and author.

Grant Mickens reported on proposals they have identified for change in the system for detention at the ranches and expressed appreciation for Chief Botka's cooperation with his office. He asked for a commitment from the commission for a joint working relationship to implement some of their proposals. He also pointed out the inability to obtain data for up-dating their reports when telephone calls were placed to various detention staff supervisors. The commissioners advised him that, in the future, all inquiries by his staff should be formally addressed to Chief Botka. Commissioner Wada asked Mr. Mickens to design a format for consistent reporting which will reflect a complete picture of the data required. Further discussion regarding these matters resulted in a motion by Webb/Grandin S/C to refer this subject matter to the ranch study committee including Chairman Caesar, Ex Officio, to determine a policy for setting up a joint committee representing this commission and the human rights commission for the purpose of reporting, and to set forth a workable policy and further that this policy be developed in concert with the methodology committee.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Webb, Secretary
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MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 1978 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Caesar at 12:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners present: Caesar, Webb, Cayton, Grandin, Ofiesh, Smith and Wada. Excused: Armstrong, Ballou, Fedrau and Figone. Absent: Maldonado, Mayberry and Salerno. Staff: CPO Botka, Director of Institutions Foote, Henry Reynolds, Janet Medina, Leroy Hogg, Jean Bailey, Howard Hughes and Ruth Cowan, Volunteers Auxiliary, and Jim Buick, Mayor's Council on Criminal Justice.

Minutes of January 5, 1978 approved as submitted.

Chairman Caesar made a brief report on the Fifth National Conference on Juvenile Justice which was held January 29 - February 2 at the San Francisco Hilton Hotel.

REPORTS:

Chief Botka reported on his first meeting with the new district board of supervisors' finance committee and placement increase of status offenders. The commissioners asked Chief Botka to designate two probation officers now working in private placement to make a presentation before the commission.

A special report on the activities of Juvenile Hall was presented to the commission. Director Foote presented the overview and the following staff members including Howard Hughes of Volunteer Auxiliary addressed the inner workings of each division. Henry Reynolds, Boys & Girls Center; Janet Medina, Girl's Cottage, Reception, EDP; Leroy Hogg, Boy's Delinquent Cottage; and Assistant Director Jean Bailey, Auxiliary Services. Chairman Caesar commended Director Foote and the Juvenile Hall staff for the informative presentation indicating that she and Commissioner Grandin would have a comprehensive report for the March meeting.

Ranch Study Committee - Commissioner Grandin advised the commissioners that the committee was compiling a response to the Human Rights Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Caesar introduced Revels Cayton and Father Ofiesh who were sworn in as new commissioners by the Honorable Joseph G. Kennedy presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court this morning.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Webb moved and Smith S/C that we limit staff reports in March and April to clear the calendar of some unfinished business.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Webb, Secretary
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MINUTES OF MARCH 2, 1978 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Caesar at 12:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners present: Caesar, Figone, Webb, Ballou, Fedrau, Grandin, Maldonado, Mayberry, Smith, Wada and Cayton. Excused: Armstrong, Salerno and Ofiesh. Guests: Ruth Cowan, President, Volunteers Auxiliary and Linda Gollober, Youth Advocates.

Minutes of February 2, 1978 approved as corrected by Commissioner Grandin beginning with Chairman Caesar's report on the Fifth National Conference on Juvenile Crime. Add the following sentence. Commissioners Grandin and Caesar will have a comprehensive report for the March meeting. In the second paragraph, line 7 beginning with presentation add a period after presentation and delete the remainder of that sentence.

COMMUNICATIONS:

San Francisco Youth Campus, January 23, 1978 notice of public hearing of the Health Environment Committee of the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday evening, February 28 to support their need to establish a residential treatment program for emotionally disturbed adolescents at the site of the Good Shepherd Sisters Convent. Chairman Caesar notified all commissioners prior to the hearing to ensure commission representation. Former Commissioner Ellen Starrett advised us on February 14, 1978 of the Rahway State prison delinquency prevention program with regards to all. Letter copy directed to Commissioner Smith from CPO Botka February 21, 1978 regarding budget for the public health nurse at Juvenile Hall. Commissioner Smith to address this issue under reports. JJDP commission story in the February issue of the CYA Reach Out bulletin announcing they are seeking to improve legislative time-line communication between the various county commissions as one of its top priorities for 1978. This request was made during the 1977 county commissioners meeting in Fresno during the CPPCA annual conference.

REPORTS:

Medical Advisory Committee - Commissioner Smith, MD, pointed out that the public health officials agree that the public health nurse assigned to juvenile hall is necessary but that the budget request to continue full-time assignment was deleted by Dr. Silverman. The health department has offered to assign nurses as needed from the district centers. This procedure will not meet the medical needs of juvenile hall. Commissioner Wada moved Ballou S/C that a strong letter be sent to CAO Boas, Mayor Moscone and Dr. Silverman to restore the nurse's salary in the budget.

Ranch Study Committee - Commissioner Grandin reported that the committee had met with Captain Andy Kristensen, Commanding Officer of the Youth Bureau, SFPD to develop a report based on the patterns re types of bookings and citations including race, etc. Commissioner Fedrau added that statistics don't tell the story re the people involved as to how they make the decisions so that the focus of the research will be directed to patterns and attitudes to develop a positive approach. Commissioner Grandin anticipates a more complete report in May.

Placement Committee - Commissioner Grandin reported on the matter of client placement involving homophobia. This is part of the changing populatinn involving special needs. Commissioner Grandin along with PO Byron Bray and one other officer will be going to Los Angeles to take a look at the Boyle Program. This will be reported in another meeting when private placement probation officers will also make a special report to the commission. Commissioner Wada expressed the need for staff to come in with recommendations as we need a definite policy re special placements. It was also noted that placement decisions should include families when possible to insure or to include the present unmet need of these children for a family environment. Commissioner Grandin also stated that we will need to review all programs including an attitudinal survey regarding homophobia kids. She perceives the inclusion of one community coalition now working with these children.

National Conference on Juvenile Justice - Commissioners Caesar and Grandin. Commissioner Caesar addressed the following conference subjects: 1) The needs of employees and diversion. No workshop was held on employment which is a priority. The general census in the conference was that diversion programs do not work because they are based on selective status offenders. Commissioner Wada pointed out that these diversion projects don't work because second and third offenders are not included. 2) Judges and district attorneys continue to have different points of view re dispositions. 3) Standards - there is no progress in the implementation of the 1974 Delinquency and Prevention Act. Every local law enforcement has different standards. San Francisco was well represented on the conference panels by local law enforcement officers including Judge Mana, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, District Attorney Joseph Freitas and Chief PO Joseph Botka.

Commissioner Grandin reported on workshops, "the judge and the burn-out syndrome and Public vs U.S. confidential hearings for juveniles." A written report was submitted and attached to minutes.

Commissioner Caesar announced that our guest Linda Gollober, Youth Advocates requested recognition for a special report regarding the staff of Youth Advocates and the court. No action taken.

Methodology Committee - Commissioner Wada reported that the committee would be meeting soon.

Commissioner Fedrau speaking to the methodology committee development stated that we are not ready to branch out into new in-depth projects. Implementation of these kinds of projects cannot be developed until such time a staff person is funded and designated for this kind of work. Commissioners Wada and Ballou will arrange a meeting with Judge Kennedy to determine status of staff and funding.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Webb, Chairman of the Education Committee, advised the commissioners that the By-Laws called for a review to be submitted to the April commission meeting. She indicated that a change in committee structure will be required when the methodology committee brings in a final report. However, minor amendments are indicated now for approval in April and further that the By-Laws can be amended at any time. Commissioner Fedrau M/S/C that Commissioner Webb submit amendments for adoption at the April meeting.

REPORTS CONTINUED:

Chief Botka reported on the matter of pending transfer of placement supervision to the department of social services: 1) The probation department will continue to process intake of abandoned and abused children until AB 931 is phased in. The commission moved to Executive Session. Report continued. 2) A grant has been approved for the purchase of security equipment for juvenile hall. He thanked Commissioner Fedrau for her assistance to the court. 3) Probation planning for juvenile court, etc. - Chief Botka distributed a comprehensive outline setting forth a program to develop and implement goals which involves a full range of probation services.

NEW BUSINESS:

The following commissioners were elected to the nominating committee for 1977-78 officers: Fedrau, Wada, Mayberry and Ballou. The committee will select a chairman.

Commissioner Wada pointed out that the reorganization of the S.F. Manpower Council is under way and the Board of Supervisors will share in the selection of representatives. Wada moved Grandin S/C that the juvenile justice commission request Mayor Moscone to name a representative of this commission to the council.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Webb, Secretary
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MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 1978 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Caesar at 12:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners present: Caesar, Figone, Webb, Armstrong, Ballou, Cayton, Grandin, Maldonado, Mayberry, Salerno, Smith and Wada. Excused: Fedrau and Ofiesh. Staff: CPO Botka; Assistant CPO Cain; POs Danworth, Tucker, Bray and Borchelt. Guests: Fr. McLuckie, P. Cinquini, San Francisco Unified School District; Susan Elder, Mercy High School; Ruth Cowan, President, Volunteers Auxiliary.

Minutes of March 2 approved with correction by Commissioner Grandin on page 2, paragraph 2, line 2 to read homophobic staff instead of homophobia.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The San Francisco Chapter of the CPPCA, March 8, over the signature of Charles Iverson advising the commission of a one day conference to be held Thursday, April 20, at 9:30 a.m. at the Hall of Flowers in Golden Gate Park. From the Civil Grand Jury Foreman, Gordon Caswell, February 23, response to Chairman Caesar's letter of February 15, inviting members of the court committee to attend our April meeting. Response from Mayor Moscone, April 3, addressed to Chairman Caesar acknowledging our letter requesting the appointment of a commissioner to the Manpower Planning Council. He assured the commission that the request would be considered. From the Placer County JJDPC over the signature of Thomas Jones, Chairman, April 3, regarding their concern of the increase in commitments to Placer County ranches and out of home placement facilities from this county which is increasing their costs. The commission elected to investigate this complaint and pending a full report Chairman Caesar will acknowledge the letter. From the Mayor's Criminal Justice Council a letter copy to Judge Kennedy regarding the Rafiki Masaada Program funding problems. The letter expresses appreciation for the court's intervention to sustain some funding during the crisis and specifically commended CPO Botka for his direct commitment. April 4 communication from San Bernadino County JJC and DPC inviting this commission to attend special activities planned for commissioners at the annual CPPCA conference in Palm Springs May 24 through May 26. The Riverside and San Bernadino County Commissions are acting as co-hosts. Reservations should be submitted through the San Francisco Chapter CPPCA representatives. A workshop call from the San Francisco Chapter of the CPPCA on aspects and goals of the criminal justice system, Thursday, April 20, at the Hall of Flowers in Golden Gate Park. Registration fee is $5.00, which includes a box lunch.

REPORTS:

Private Placement - POs Byron Bray and Dorothy Borchelt presented an update on facilities and costs. The commissioners agreed that the excellence of the report deserved a more suitable time slot and in keeping with this need Chairman Caesar thanked the officers advising them that they would be asked to return for additional reporting.

CPO report - Joe Botka announced that a general meeting for all staff and other city employees would be held April 14 to discuss next year's budget implications of the Jarvis-Gann Initiative and general directions of changing programs in the coming year. He extended a special invitation to the commission to attend this meeting announcing that Jim Diggins, Business Agent of the Civil Service Employees Association Local 400 would be the keynoter for this meeting. He also submitted a memorandum from Mayor Moscone regarding Proposition 13. The most important news is the delivery of ten new automobiles to the court for staff use. He expressed his sincere gratitude to the commission and to the volunteers auxiliary for total support in this matter.

Commissioner Figone reported on a recent visit to the ranches stating that he was impressed with the positive climate and an improved use of the facilities. He also expressed sincere concern for the Hidden Valley Ranch graduates wherein we need a better service and follow up procedure. He also pointed out the need to make use of class activities in the evening hours.

Mrs. Cowan reported on the annual Easter week activity of the auxiliary to benefit the children at the center.

Chairman Caesar introduced PO James Tucker, President of the San Francisco Chapter of the CPPCA and PO Danworth. Mr. Tucker addressed the role of the CPPCA and specifically encouraged the commissioners to participate as members of the organization.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

By-laws - Commissioner Webb provided commissioners with a copy of the current By-laws and presented two amendments. The first amendment was an update of code numbers to conform to the current California Welfare and Institutions Code. The second amendment eliminating the annual July and August recesses was unanimously adopted.

Election of 1978-79 officers - the nominating committee report was presented by Commissioner Wada in the absence of Committee Chairman Fedrau. The Committee nominated Lou Webb, Chairman; Laura Grandin, Vice Chairman and Ed Smith, Treasurer. The committee was unable to come up with a recommendation for Secretary but with the concurrence of the members and Chief Botka his secretary will record the minutes and Commissioner Wada agreed to act as Secretary. Salerno M/Figone S/C to adopt the slate. Commissioner Salerno expressed sincere appreciation to Chairman Caesar for a job well done.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual workshop - the commissioners agreed to a June date and Commissioner Ballou graciously agreed to host the workshop. Chairman Caesar asked for a show of hands to indicate a preference for a weekday evening or a Sunday date. Commissioner Ballou will check home agenda and report to the commission in May.

The commission adjourned to executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Webb, Secretary
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MINUTES OF MAY 4, 1978 COMMISSION MEETING

MAY 30 1978

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The meeting was convened by Chairman Webb at 12:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners present: Webb, Grandin, Wada, Ballou, Caesar, Cayton, Fedrau, Ofiesh. Excused: Armstrong, Figone, Maldonado, Mayberry, Smith. Absent: Salerno. Staff: Mr. Botka, Mr. Cain, Mrs. Bailey. Guests: John Kearney and Werner Plagge, Court School; Ruth Cowan and Joan Coyne, Volunteer Auxiliary.

Minutes of April 6, 1978 approved as submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

REPORTS:

Vocational/Educational Program at Log Cabin Ranch (LCR) - Commissioner Fedrau reported that she had contacted Bryant Lane, Director of the Career/Vocation Education Department, who is very interested in our concern with the program at LCR. He arranged to have Dr. Kenneth McLea, Program Coordinator, work with us. On May 2, Commissioner Fedrau and Dr. McLea met with Messrs. Foote, Licavoli and Kearney at LCR. It was decided that the group would meet again at the end of May to discuss some possibilities of getting the program viable, which would lead to apprenticeship programs, other training programs or jobs.

The business program, which includes typing and use of adding machine, is doing very well under the direction of Yvonne Robinson. She is doing an exemplary job at LCR and is well liked by both students and fellow teachers. It is expected that she will be terminated at the end of this semester in line with cutbacks. Mr. Kearney indicated that they are attempting to make it possible for her to stay on.

Commissioner Fedrau will continue to take charge of this endeavor and any commissioner wishing to join her is welcome.

CPO Report - Mr. Botka announced that the 1977 edition of California Laws Relating to Youthful Offenders is now available. He will order sufficient copies for distribution to the commission.

Progress on the UC Davis contract is continuing. The 4-H Club has been contacted and there is a branch in the San Mateo Community College District. A meeting has been set for the third week of May, and Mr. Botka would like to have a member of the commission attend. Commissioner Fedrau indicated that she would like to be notified when the actual date has been set.

Mr. Botka stated that he had met with the Finance Committee, and although he doesn't know what the Board of Supervisors will do, we are slated to get a full-time ranch nurse.

Mr. Botka announced that the CPPCA is meeting in Palm Springs this month. He will not be attending himself, but hopes to let as many probation officers as possible attend. There is a possibility of getting funding for transportation and lodging for two nights. Commission members are welcome to go. Applications should be in by May 15.

AB 90 is on its way to the Governor. At the rate of $2.55 per capita, San Francisco will be receiving approximately $1,695,750. These funds may be used for offsetting costs of implementing AB 3121, for developing delinquency prevention and crime control programs, etc. Since many agencies and organizations will be vying for this money, it is his intention to put together a well formulated program for Juvenile Court so that when funds are available, the Court will not delay in sending in its application for funds. An AB 90 committee is being formed and commissioners are welcome to join.

Ranch Study - Commissioner Grandin stated that the report is not finished. At this point she is still obtaining statistical data from the police department.

Methodology - Commissioner Armstrong was not present and the other two members of the committee did not have a report. It was determined that Commissioners Ballou and Wada would make their presentation at the next meeting.

Ranch - Commissioner Caesar distributed a written report, which will be included as part of these minutes.

Juvenile Court - Commissioner Grandin will be distributing a written report to the commission.

Chairman Webb introduced the new president of the Volunteer Auxiliary, Mrs. Michael Coyne (Joan). She also thanked Mrs. Ruth Cowan for a fine job as the former president. Mrs. Cowan extended an invitation to all commissioners to attend the Auxiliary's annual luncheon on May 11. Commissioner Ballou stated that she planned to attend.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

June Workshop - Commissioner Ballou indicated that any weekend in June would be fine. The workshop is set for June 24, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Commissioner Ballou is graciously providing a supper afterwards.

Workshop Agenda - Chairman Webb selected a workshop agenda committee consisting of Commissioners Wada (Chairman), Ballou, Grandin and Fedrau.

Placer County Complaint - Commissioner Caesar reported that at this time the Juvenile Court is using only one facility in that county--Holly Acres, and only one child is currently placed there. It was decided that a letter should be sent to Placer County informing them of our findings.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Court Report - Chairman Webb asked Commissioner Caesar to write the report of the commission for inclusion in the Juvenile Court'a annual report.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yori Wada, Secretary
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION

Madeleine Rougley
Recording Secretary

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MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 1978 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Webb at 12:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners present: Webb, Wada, Smith, Caesar, Cayton, Figone, Maldonado. Excused: Armstrong, Ballou, Fedrau, Grandin. Absent: Mayberry, Ofiesh, Salerno. Staff: Mr. Botka, Mr. Foote. Guests: Joan Coyne, Volunteer Auxiliary; George Romero, Law Clerk for Judge Kennedy; Jane Asselin, Delinquency Prevention Commission.

Minutes of May 4, 1978, approved with the following corrections:

Page 2, paragraph 3, last sentence--Should read "will be formed" instead of "is being formed" and "will be invited" instead of "are invited."

Page 2, paragraph 8, second sentence--Should read "commended" instead of "thanked."

Page 2, paragraph 10--Should read "named" instead of "selected," and add "m/s/c to approve."

Page 3, paragraph 1--Add "m/s/c to approve."

COMMUNICATIONS:

1) Letter from Mayor Moscone and Supervisor Feinstein appointing Chairman of the Juvenile Justice Commission as a member of the Delinquency Prevention Coordination Committee and urging attendance at first meeting on June 19 at 10:30 a.m. in Lurie Room of Main Library. M/s/c to approve appointment.

2) Letter from Legal Services for Children, Inc., asking if Commission would write a letter in support of their services so they may use it with funding proposals. M/s/c to write letters of support to Gerbode Foundation, Van Loben Sels Foundation and Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund.

3) Letter from Santa Barbara County Juvenile Justice Commission requesting information on three points: Which chairman will serve on County Justice System Advisory Group--Juvenile Justice Commission or Delinquency Prevention Commission; whether Commission operates under Brown Act; whether any of our meetings are held in a juvenile institution. M/s/c to have chairman respond to queries.

4) Letter and brochure from Tax Increment Consultants indicating their services. M/s/c to file.

5) Memorandum from State Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission inviting chairman to meeting on May 19. M/s/c to file.

6) Memorandum from San Francisco Child Abuse Council, Inc., notifying of May 19 meeting. M/s/c to file.

7) March-April newsletter from JACKIE. M/s/c to file.

8) Brochure from University of Nevada/National College of Juvenile Justice for summer session. M/s/c to file.

9) Memorandum from Social Advocates for Youth requesting completion of enclosed questionnaire entitled "Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders Project" for use as a source for selecting target cities for participation in project. M/s/c to have chairman respond in concert with Mr. Botka.

10) Letter from Riverside County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission informing commission of program of training activities for commissioners at CPPCA Conference in Palm Springs. M/s/c to file.

11) Invitation to Big Brothers' 20th Anniversary Luncheon, honoring Benjamin Swig and Yori Wada, June 13, noon, Fairmont Hotel. M/s/c to urge commissioners to attend.

12) Invitation from Superivsory Counselors' Association of Juvenile Hall and Boys Ranches to annual dinner for recent retirees, June 8, 6:00 cocktails, 7:30 dinner, Fort Mason Officers' Club, $12.50. M/s/c to urge commissioners to attend.

13) Invitation from Council for Civic Unity to annual membership dinner honoring their citizen of the year, John F. Crowley, June 14, 6:00 cocktails, 7:00 dinner, donor choice of $8-10-15-25. M/s/c to urge commissioners to attend. Chairman Webb will be attending.

14) Brochure from National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges concerning National Symposium on Child Placement, Nashville, Tennessee, October 31-November 2. M/s/c to file.

15) Flyer on Marian Brislane's retirement party, June 16, 5:30, Marine Memorial Club, $7.00. M/s/c to urge commissioners to attend.

16) Letter from Board of Supervisors to Juvenile Justice Commission and Delinquency Prevention Commission requesting serious consideration of both commissions to combining their functions. M/s/c to acknowledge letter and chairman to appoint a committee of one, two or three to explore issue and respond through chairman.

Jane Asselin, Delinquency Prevention Commission (DPC), stated that DPC is against consolidation of the Juvenile Justice Commission and DPC. Their commission feels that each commission has its own work to do and that each has different responsibilities. Ms. Asselin pointed out that Pearl West and others feel that populations over 300,000 should have separate commissions, and that smaller

jurisdictions combine these two commissions because of the lack of enough citizens to serve on two commissions. The following resolution was unanimously approved at their last meeting:

"Whereas a merger of the Delinquency Prevention Commission and the Juvenile Justice Commission would not serve the best interests of the youth of San Francisco.

"Whereas coordination of youth services and prevention of delinquency are the sole responsibilities of the Delinquency Prevention Commission under the San Francisco Administrative Code.

"Whereas the Delinquency Prevention Commission is an advocate for youth to prevent their introduction into the Juvenile Justice System represented by the Juvenile Justice Commission.

"Whereas separation of these two Commissions is a healthy complementarity.

"Whereas the purposes, goals and objectives of the two Commissions are in conflict with one another.

"It is the will of the Delinquency Prevention Commission that these two Commissions continue to function successfully and separately for the benefit of the City's youth and all its citizens."

Chairman Webb thanked Ms. Asselin for coming and presenting the intent of DPC. The chairman named Commissioners Caesar and Figone to explore this issue. M/s/c to approve. Chairman asked Commissioners Caesar and Figone to work with Mr. Botka rather than name another commissioner to their committee. M/s/c to approve.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Webb discharged the 1977-78 committees with thanks and named the following committee chairmen and members:

Institutions (Juvenile Hall, Ranches, Cottages)--Figone, Chairman; Smith
Probation Services--Mayberry, Chairman; Caesar
Juvenile Court--Grandin, Chairman; Wada, Ballou

The remaining committees will have chairmen and members named shortly.

The two liaisons, for Court Police Committee and Juvenile Hall Health Advisory Committee, will be Commissioners Ballou and Smith, respectively. M/s/c to approve committee chairmen and members and liaisons as named.

Commissioner Caesar spoke at this point concerning reports from the 1977-78 committees, indicating that several committees failed to turn in a report. She stressed the importance of having these reports on file so that the new committees will have something on which to move forward based on the previous committees accomplishments and unresolved problems. Chairman Webb appreciated Commissioner Caesar's thoughtfulness, but cited Article VI, Section 1 of the By-laws, which states that standing committees will be named at the regular June meeting

by the chairman. Therefore, she is discharging the 1977-78 committees with thanks and naming the above mentioned commissioners to the committees for 1978-79. M/s/c to approve with the exception of "no" vote by Commissioner Caesar.

REPORTS:

CPO Report - Mr. Botka stated that there was nothing new to report concerning AB 90 and AB 958.

Log Cabin Ranch (LCR)/UC Davis Proposal: Messrs. Foote and Licavoli met with a representative of the Cooperative Extension of the University of California. Areas of discussion were:

1) Forestry specialist will be conducting a preliminary investigation for clearing of trees at LCR. There could be approximately $30,000 to $50,000 in revenue to City from the lumber. Hopefully, some of this money could be used for an agricultural program at LCR. Commission will be notified of results of this investigation.

2) Meeting will be held with Dr. Converse of UC Davis concerning LCR graduate students working at the ranch on agricultural and animal husbandry projects.

3) Meeting is scheduled for the first week in July with Jim Brenner of 4-H to develop programs in: backpacking, outdoor cookery, initiative exercises, desert survival, geology study, canoeing, etc.

Dependent Children: On May 16, on one day's notice, the Department of Social Services (DSS) discontinued their Voluntary Placement office, which had accepted dependent children and then placed them in foster homes, etc. As a result of the closing of that service, the cases are now being referred to Juvenile Court. Currently, there are about 800 cases existing and all of them will have to be evaluated by DSS and come through court and have the dependency adjudicated. Probation's Follow-Up Division, to be called Voluntary Intake commencing June 1, 1978, will handle these cases. Mr. Sarsfield, DSS, will meet with Judge Kennedy to discuss how these cases will be worked into the court structure.

Commissioner Smith - Youth Study Center, Philadelphia

Commissioner Smith reported that the Youth Study Center, which is the equivalent of our Youth Guidance Center, is located in the civic center area, and compared to ours, we look a lot better. He did observe that the youth seemed to be divided into two categories, black or white. Oriental and Latin youth are almost non-existant. They do not have an institution similar to our CYA and they do not maintain ranches or camps as we do. On par with our commission they have a Board of Managers consisting of five members. This board seems to be well organized. Informational material obtained during the visit will be placed in the commission office for perusal of commissioners.

Commissioner Wada - Workshop Agenda

Commissioner Wada reported that the workshop committee met at Commissioner Ballou's home to prepare an agenda for the workshop to be held on June 24. The outline for the day is: 3:00 the group will meet for coffee and small talk and

then move on to a general session at 3:30 to discuss the format for the day and to look at the goals of the commission. At 4:00 the commission will break into three small groups (detention facilities, juvenile court and probation services), which will formulate objectives, standards and timetables. At 5:30 these groups will join together as a whole and report back on their recommendations. At 6:00 the workshop will end and dinner, provided by Commissioner Ballou, will follow.

Commissioner Caesar reported that some information had been omitted from the report on the ranches submitted at the May meeting. She distributed a corrected report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Caesar, who had been named at the May meeting to prepare a report for inclusion in the Juvenile Court Annual Report, read her draft to the commission for input. M/s/c to approve report as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Webb stated that she had received some suggestions for a change in the regular meeting day and time. Commission Caesar pointed out that there would hardly be a day that would not conflict with someone's schedule. Commissioner Wada suggested that a questionnaire be prepared and sent out after the workshop but prior to the July meeting. M/s/c to send out questionnaire after the workshop and prior to July meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yori Wada, Secretary
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION

Madeleine Rougley
Recording Secretary

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MINUTES OF JULY 6, 1978 COMMISSION MEETING

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The meeting was convened by Chairman Webb at 12:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Webb, Grandin, Smith, Caesar, Ballou, Mayberry, Salerno. Excused: Armstrong, Fedrau, Figone. Absent: Cayton, Ofiesh, Maldonado, Wada. Staff: Botka, Cain, Carlson.

The minutes of June 1 approved as corrected to show Commissioner Salerno excused.

COMMUNICATIONS:

CYA letter copy of June 22 to the Honorable Quentin Kopp, Supervisor, regarding merger question of the JJC and the DPC. M/S/C refer to special committee Chairman Figone. Mayor's Criminal Justice Council June 13, letter copy from Marilyn Borovoy to Chief Botka re Chairman Webb vice past Chairman Caesar on Executive Committee. Letter filed. Chief Botka to Chairman Webb, June 30, re the San Francisco Junior League's President Tolpegin letter and receipt of their nationwide publication "Skills for Impact: Voluntary Action in Criminal Justice." The Chairman advised that the Chief has a reference library for our use and suggested that this copy should be included. The Child Abuse Prevention Newsletter, CYA Reach Out and San Francisco Unified School District Newsletter filed.

REPORTS:

Chief Botka and Ranch Director Carlson reported on the changes in staffing at the ranches due to the passage of Proposition 13 and subsequent budget cuts resulting in the closing of Hidden Valley. Mr. Carlson has returned to the Youth Guidance Center and other staff reassigned. The gymnasium at Hidden Valley will remain open.

Assistant Chief Cain reported on the matter of the supervisory and senior probation officer test held last year. A Federal Court held this invalid. The case is continued to August 11. The long awaited probation officer test has been released and certification has begun to assign new probation officers to both juvenile and adult probation departments.

Commissioner Grandin reported in general on the commission's annual workshop noting that it "was very productive."

Commissioner Fedrau was unable to attend the meeting but advised the commission her committee would meet the latter part of July.

A special presentation was made by Chairman Webb on behalf of the commissioners to Commissioner Caesar in appreciation of her dedicated service to the commission as past chairman. Commissioner Caesar thanked the commissioners for their personal gift.

The chairman noted that the members attending the annual workshop authorized her to write a strong letter of protest to Mayor Moscone in the matter of closing the Hidden Valley Ranch. An appointment with the mayor has been requested through his appointment secretary and letter to follow. The commission concurred with her request to name the commission as the committee of the whole to meet with the mayor.

The chairman commerded the workshop agenda committee for a job well done expressing special thanks to Chairman Wada. She also asked the record to show our sincere appreciation to Commissioner Ballou in making her home available and her gracious hospitality.

The commission concurred with the chairman's additional committee assignments: Commissioner Cayton, Institutions Committee and Father Gregory, Probation Committee.

There being no further business the commission adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Caesar
Secretary Pro Tem
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF AUGUST 3, 1978 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Webb at 12:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners present: Webb, Grandin, Wada, Smith, Figone, Maldonado. Excused: Armstrong, Ballou, Caesar, Cayton, Fedrau, Mayberry, Salerno. Absent: Ofiesh. Staff: Botka, Cain, Foote. Guests: Joan Coyne, Volunteer Auxiliary; Emmitt Roseborough, Human Rights Commission.

Minutes of July 6, 1978 approved as mailed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Thank you note from Commissioner Caesar for the gift presented by Commission. Letter from San Francisco Study Center re information for their history book of San Francisco neighborhoods. Handbook for Commissions and 1977 Annual Report from State Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission. Publication, "Critical Comments," re impressions of the CPPCA conference held in Palm Springs. Office of Child Abuse Prevention news bulletin. Youth Authority annual report for 1977. M/S/C to file the various communications as received by the Commission.

REPORTS:

Chief Botka reported briefly on the provisions of AB 90 as passed by the State Legislature and signed by Governor Brown. He and staff will keep close track of the emerging guidelines for the implementation of AB 90 and as to what steps are being taken by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to whom the funds will be sent by the State. The Juvenile Probation Department has started planning for several new programs: a transition house and liaison with the San Francisco junior and senior high schools. There were five arrests in July among those youth released early because of the closure of Hidden Valley Ranch. Four private placement youth were committed to the CYA because of continued misbehavior. In answer to a question by Commissioner Smith about the impact of the early release of youngsters necessitated by the closure of Hidden Valley Ranch, Mr. Botka responded that it was too early to tell, but that statistics would be kept. Data will be presented at the September meeting with regard to the arrests during the summer months that might be affected by the closure of summer school. A new auto mechanic teacher will be assigned to Log Cabin Ranch, thanks to the efforts of Commissioner Fedrau.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Because none of the committees had met during July, the Chairman urged the committee chairpersons call meetings of the committees during the coming month. With the Chairman's announcement that Judge Kennedy was in the hospital, it was M/S/C that the Commission send flowers to the Judge. The Chairman reported on meetings of the city-wide coordinating council as sponsored by the Delinquency Prevention Commission. Chairman Webb and Mr. Botka have been attending. The Mayor's Council on Criminal Justice has a new Executive Director, Rotea Gilford, and Jim Buick has been promoted to Deputy Director. A new concept for a Youth Services Bureau is in the process of being implemented by the staff of MCJC. The new project will have a coordinator, five monitors and 10 counselors who will be assigned to work in agencies throughout San Francisco. The Chairman appointed Commissioner Salerno to serve as Legislative Committee Chairperson. M/S/C to approve.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Emmitt Roseborough, staff member of the Human Rights Commission, was introduced. He expressed concern about the closure of Hidden Valley Ranch and offered the assistance of the Human Rights Commission. He also asked that three members of the Juvenile Justice Commission meet with three members of the Human Rights Commission in January 1979.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m., and the Commission went into Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Yori Wada, Secretary
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MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 7, 1978 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Webb at 12:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners present: Webb, Grandin, Smith, Fedrau, Figone, Maldonado, Salerno. Excused: Armstrong, Ballou, Caesar, Cayton, Mayberry, Wada. Absent: Ofiesh. Staff: Cain, Carlson. Guests: Joan Coyne, John Kearney, Glenn Hill, Emmitt Roseborough.

Minutes of August 3, 1978 approved as submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter dated August 7, 1978 from the Human Rights Commission with their resolution regarding placement of former Hidden Valley Ranch wards. Don Carlson addressed this issue and Commissioner Salerno proposed that we use Hidden Valley for placement. Fedrau M/ Smith S/C to concur. From the State Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission, August 25, 1978, regarding the effect of Proposition 13 on public and private services and offering their assistance in our advocacy of crime and delinquency prevention activities. M/S/C to file for reference. Legislative manual from CYA given to Commissioner Salerno, Chairman of the Legislative Committee for analysis and future report. California Youth Authority quarterly report on Punishment vs. Rehabilitation - A New Look, SPCA publication and UC Berkeley Extension brochure on conferences, lectures, workshops, study programs and classes filed in commission library.

REPORTS:

Chairman Webb announced the resignation of Father Ofiesh resulting from increased responsibilities of programs for his Archdiocese.

Commissioner Grandin reported on her assignment to work with Chief Botka to assist the court in preparing AB 90 funding proposals for submission to the Mayor's Criminal Justice Council. Copies of the proposals given to commissioners.

Assistant CPO, Warren Cain, addressed the proposals and stated that in the absence of CPO Botka he would attend the MCJC Executive Committee meeting on Monday, September 11, which will act on all proposals for AB 90 funding.

Commissioner Fedrau, Chairman of the special vocational committee for Log Cabin presented her report on the status of the industrial shop program along with Glenn Hill, Supervisor in Industrial Education. The woodshop program is operating with a teacher from Hidden Valley Ranch but the Log Cabin shop program

has not been reopened pending the replacement of the current instructor. Mr. Hill discussed a program to teach industrial courses, stressing the importance to youth to learn a skill while at the ranch to enter the job market. An apprenticeship program for training in small engines repairs is indicated. Funding for this kind of program is designated by the state since funds from the district cannot be committed for this program. The shop teacher is presently on disability. John Kearney stated that he is searching for a new credentialed shop teacher or small engine instructor. Chairman Webb noted that Commissioner Fedrau has spent considerable time and effort to resolve the shop teacher problem and develop a sound apprenticeship program. She also asked Commissioner Fedrau to bring in a final recommendation to the commission.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Smith announced that flowers have been sent to Judge Kennedy and to Commissioner Mayberry.

Emmitt Roseborough, staff member of the Human Rights Commission, was recognized to discuss the effort of their commission to meet with representatives of this commission regarding action to develop a joint reporting system. Commissioner Grandin reported that the previous ranch study committee had developed a program and she had made several attempts to meet with Mr. Mickens. Commissioner Fedrau suggested that communications begin anew.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis Maldonado
Secretary Pro Tem
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MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 1978 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Webb at 12:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Webb, Grandin, Smith, Armstrong, Caesar, Cayton, Maldonado, Excused: Ballou, Fedrau, Figone, Mayberry, Salerno, Wada. Staff: Botka, Cain, Bailey. Guests: Joan Coyne, Volunteer Auxiliary; Carlos Iraheta, MCJC.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter from Mayor Moscone asking the chairman to serve on a social planning steering committee to develop study re social element for San Francisco Master Plan. Chairman Webb responded by telephone but withheld written response until this meeting. Armstrong M/Grandin S/C that chairman respond, attend meeting and report back. Memo from Mr. Botka advising commission of volunteer auxiliary request to use Airplane Room for Christmas wrapping during November and December. The commission will meet in the main conference room in November and December. Letter to Dr. Alioto from Mr. Botka re problem of auto shop teacher at Log Cabin Ranch requesting a meeting to resolve problem. Announcement from Mexican-American Correctional Association re training conference October 19-21. Announcement from San Francisco Coalition re special workshop on September 19. M/S/C to file announcements. Letter from Commissioner Maldonado recommending a candidate for the juvenile justice commission. Background of candidate to be duplicated and mailed to commissioners. Discussion will be held during executive session at November meeting. Thank you note from Commissioner Mayberry for plant from commission. Note passed to commissioners.

REPORTS:

Chairman: Chairman Webb announced there would be a brief executive session with Mr. Botka, Mr. Cain and Mrs. Bailey following the meeting. Chairman reported that she spoke to Grant Mickens of the human rights commission concerning the January action to form joint committee of our two commissions for working out a guideline for reporting procedure. Commissioner Grandin will bring in her data used to compile the final report at which time the chairman will arrange a meeting. Chairman passed out a questionnaire re consideration of change in meeting date. Questionnaires will be mailed to absent members. Responses should be sent to chairman. Chairman Webb announced the reappointment of Commissioners Fedrau, Grandin, Maldonado and Salerno to four-year terms on the juvenile justice commission.

CPO: Mr. Botka spoke on the status of AB 90. Finance Committee emphasis is on releasing money wherein the City will be protected and reimbursed under AB 3121. If our commitment rate to the CYA is low enough, we could have money

allocated for a limited program at Hidden Valley, a Transition House for Log Cabin, training for staff and some construction/remodeling. There is money available to work with community groups. Mr. Botka stated that this could provide an opportunity for the juvenile court to join hands with the community and together develop an overall city-wide juvenile justice program, thereby sharing the responsibility of delinquency prevention. Commissioner Cayton agreed with Mr. Botka's suggestion and feels the response from churches, union and agencies in the community would be very good. Mr. Botka reported that he wrote a letter to Dr. Alioto concerning the situation at the auto shop at Log Cabin and is waiting for a response. He indicated that Jim Licavoli would be willing to assume responsibility for the teacher in his budget. The school department is agreeable to this but states the equipment is theirs and would have to be removed. When Mr. Botka receives a reply to his letter, which asks for a meeting date, he will notify the commission. Mr. Botka reported that the psychiatric clinic is still without a full-time director. He is meeting with Dr. Goldman on October 16 and commissioners are welcome to attend. Chairman Webb stated that Commissioner Smith is the commission's liaison to the health department. Mr. Botka stated that the grand jury report has been received and distributed copies, along with his response to the board of supervisors. The report is very complimentary to staff and the commission. Mr. Botka thanked Commissioner Cayton and his wife for the beautiful plants in the building lobby. He stated that the entire staff is delighted and concerned with their care. Mr. Botka reported that AB 958 became law last week. This means the juvenile court will be able to hold local runaway juveniles for 24 hours and up to 72 hours if out of county and state pending contact with parents. Jeanne Bailey is making a study of the number of youth affected currently by AB 958 in the youth guidance center to determine whether a cottage should be opened to house them. Her report to come.

Volunteer Auxiliary: Mrs. Coyne reported on the successful emergency summer program at juvenile hall and status offender cottages. Since Proposition 13 eliminated summer school, Mr. Foote pulled a program together and called on the volunteer auxiliary for help. The volunteers were able to obtain a $5,000 grant from the Stulsaft Foundation, which they used for a training program for status offenders. These youth were able to earn $2 an hour working in the laundry, kitchen, record room, on the grounds, etc. Both the art program and the athletic program are effective.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Smith reported that the health department is proposing a 15% across the board cut in their budget. He indicated that this might mean the deletion of the night nurse at the youth guidance center.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m., and the commission went into executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

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MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2, 1978 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Webb at 12:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Webb, Grandin, Wada, Smith, Armstrong, Ballou, Cayton, Figone, Maldonado, Mayberry. Excused: Caesar, Fedrau. Absent: Salerno. Staff: Drewes, Botka, Cain, Foote, Bray. Guests: Joan Coyne, Volunteer Auxiliary.

Minutes of September 7, 1978 and October 5, 1978 approved as submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Thank you note from Judge Kennedy for the plant sent by the commission. Invitation to the testimonial dinner for Dr. Carlton Goodlett, sponsored by the NAACP on October 20, 1978 filed. From Father Ofiesh to the chairman regarding his recent resignation from the commission filed. October 11 letter from the Chairman of the Fresno County Juvenile Justice Commission concerning the proposed IJA-ABA Standards for the Juvenile Justice System asking the commission to join them in opposing the Standards. Chairman Webb advised the commissioners that she had spoken with the Chairman of the Fresno County Juvenile Justice Commission regarding time lines for this action. She was advised that our support is appreciated since the final meeting regarding the Standards will be held in San Diego in February. M/S/C to defer action until December meeting pending further examination of the Fresno Commission position paper and consultation with Judge Drewes. Letter copy from the California Youth Authority regarding minimum standards for the juvenile hall. M/S/C to refer to the institutions committee chairman. A letter from the California Youth Authority regarding inspection at the juvenile hall advising that approval is being withheld until work to satisfy the fire code is completed. Chief Botka said that the withholding of approval is due to our not having fire doors at the end of several corridors. The money for this has been available since last June, but the department of public works has been unable to complete this work. Commissioner Figone M/S/C that a letter be written to the department of public works informing them of the recent California Youth Authority inspection which must be completed in order for the juvenile hall to be certified. Judge Drewes noted that since the chief administrative officer is responsible for the work of the department of public works the letter should be directed to Mr. Boas, with a copy to the department of public works. Commissioner Grandin reminded the commissioners that this issue is approximately two years old and should be noted in the letter. A copy will be directed to Judge Drewes. Commissioner Smith suggested that progress reports be submitted

to the California Youth Authority Director, Pearl West. Letter to the chairman from Dr. Weinstein, Chairman, San Francisco Social Services Commission, regarding institutional rates paid by the department of social services for the care of children eligible for AFDC-BHI placement by juvenile court. The social services commission is concerned about the high rates charged by out-of-county placements and the lack of San Francisco facilities. They now ask the juvenile justice commission to make recommendations for institutional rates on any new out-of-county rates, specifically Ingleside. The social services commission also requests the following information be included in this commission's recommendations: Information on rates and how established; description of services provided and quality; specific needs of the child to be placed; evidence of match-up of child's needs for institutional services and statement that no institution in San Francisco can provide the required services. Wada M/Armstrong S/C that the chairman advise Dr. Weinstein in writing of agreement to honor their request that the juvenile justice commission recommend payment of rates in question and that the responsibility for providing the above information is delegated to the chief probation officer. Chief Botka will also provide reports to this commission on future requests for placement out of county.

REPORTS:

Chairman Webb announced the reappointment of Commissioner Ballou by Judge Drewes today for a four year term. She also reported on the results of the questionnaire mailed to all commissioners regarding a change of meeting date. Twelve commissioners responded with nine requests for no change from the first Thursday of each month.

Chief Botka reported on AB 90 funding to the juvenile court in the amount of $772,000 rebate for services provided. Meetings are continuing with the CCC on their bid to lease the Hidden Valley Ranch. The Hidden Valley utility rates, which are part of this lease, are before the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. The program has been agreed on and should be beneficial for the ranch, youths and City and County of San Francisco. A meeting with Mr. Scourkes, San Francisco Unified School District, was held regarding the auto shop instructor for the Log Cabin Ranch. Chief Botka provided the commissioners with a memorandum listing the issues discussed in the meeting which was productive. Pending the resolution of the former instructor's disability pension, a temporary instructor can be employed. The Mayor's office has requested new budget proposals from the court at 83%, 88%, 92% and 95% levels. At the 83% level services as well as staff will be reduced. A study by the juvenile hall staff indicates that opening a secured cottage for runaways in compliance with AB 958 is not warranted at this time. Mr. Botka and Commissioner Grandin met with Dr. Goldman on October 16 in the matter of a full time director vacancy for the psychiatric clinic. Civil service suits delay the hiring of the new director. He also advised that should no progress in this matter be made by the December meeting, he will suggest that Dr. Goldman be invited to appear before the commission.

Commissioner Smith reported on the recent meeting of the medical advisory committee regarding proposed budget cuts and the vacancy in the dental department for an assistant, which results in the dentist's inability to provide full service. The medical doctor's hours have also been reduced, which eliminates afternoon hours, and the night nurse position may be eliminated.

Commissioner Cayton reported that Judge Kennedy has made remarkable progress and appreciates the commission's interest.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Mayberry commented that perhaps we should seek more publicity on some of the positive accomplishments and success stories of the probation department. Chairman Webb noted that Judge Drewes was concerned with this interest and indicated that publicity in general, and specifically the effect of Proposition 13 on this court, should be pursued.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yori Wada, Secretary
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MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 1978 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Webb at 12:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Webb, Wada, Smith, Ballou, Caesar, Cayton, Figone, Maldonado, Salerno. Excused: Armstrong, Grandin, Mayberry. Absent: Fedrau. Staff: Drewes, Botka, Cain, Fo te. Guests: Joan Coyne, Volunteer Auxiliary.

Minutes of November 2, 1978 approved as submitted.

JUDGE'S CORNER:

Judge Drewes spoke with Judge Frank Creede, Fresno Juvenile Court, regarding the proposed amendments to the IJA-ABA Standards for Juvenile Justice. The Fresno Court is very much opposed to the Standards and aware that this commission will act on these proposals today. He outlined his views on the need to find a suitable substitute for the now closed Hidden Valley Ranch pointing up that a facility in the Log Cabin Ranch could be set aside for youthful offenders. Separate living and dining room quarters could be handled by the current administrative staff. The problem is serious and has to be addressed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Invitation from the San Francisco Chapter of the CPPCA and the Juvenile Court Employees Association to their Christmas party at the Golden Gate Yacht Club. Confirmation copy of mailgram from commission to Mrs. George Moscone and family expressing sympathy for the loss of husband/father. Letter request including brochures from George Foster, Potlatch Corporation, for inclusion in our mailing list. Commissioner Caesar recommended compliance and noted that Potlatch is very involved in community affairs, especially in the areas of music and art. Invitation to testimonial dinner in honor of Irwin Phillips, Delinquency Prevention Commission, to be held December 13. Commissioner Salerno will represent the commission. Notice from St. Mary's College regarding public management/social science class schedule. Services directory from the Way Home Foundation. Fall issue of the youth authority quarterly magazine.

REPORTS:

Chairman Webb advised that in addition to sending a mailgram to Mrs. Moscone, she also sent a letter to acting Mayor Feinstein wishing her Godspeed at this time. Pearl West, Director of the CYA, has been formally invited to address the commission shortly after the first of the year. Mrs. West has accepted and will appear before the commission either in February or March. Letter advice to

Judge Drewes regarding the social services commission request that this commission should make the recommendation for institutional rates to be paid by the department of social services for the care of all children eligible to the AFDC-BHI program in the future. This included copy of chairman's letter to social services commission. Letter to Judge Drewes re the commission's action on candidate for commission seat. She also advised the commissioners that the current issue of New West Magazine features an article on Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple charging that more than 130 children victimized in Guyana were wards of the juvenile court. She noted that she had not read the article and deferred further discussion pending the CPO's report. Chief Botka advised her this morning that Supervisor Quentin Kopp's office had called to discuss this issue today. The chief referred Supervisor Kopp's aide to the commission chairman since the subject was on the commission agenda.

Mr. Botka announced that Dr. William Goldman had named Laura Grienecks as full time director of the psychiatric clinic effective last week and that a part time dental technician had been assigned to the dental clinic. In the matter of the loss of funding through AB 90 monies from the Mayor's Criminal Justice Council, we are ready to sign a two-year lease with the CCC for the Hidden Valley Ranch property. The CCC will provide an agriculture and horticulture program in which the Log Cabin Ranch residents can participate. Non-use of the property resulting from Proposition 13 cutbacks would otherwise result in property deterioration. There is a 90-day cancellation clause in this lease. Chief Botka emphasized the need for the court, staff and the commission to act in concert to support the signing of the lease agreement. The commissioners discussed in detail the options of placement for those children who would have been placed at Hidden Valley including the options to the CCC lease. Several suggestions including a program to share our facilities with those of San Mateo County were explored. Log Cabin is now operating at 90% capacity. Commissioners Smith M/Maldonado S/ that we sign the lease and pursue other options as discussed. The motion carried with the chairman breaking a tie vote. The Mayor's office has requested additional budget cuts of 83-88-92-95%. He met with the Mayor's staff and pointed out the ensuing problems already faced within the current budget. We are now waiting for further input from the Mayor's office. Judge Drewes is both aware and sensitive to the needs and options are being examined. In the matter of the New West Magazine article on the Peoples Temple, we have received numerous inquiries from the media including Supervisor Kopp's office concerning wards of the court. We received an inquiry from District Attorney Freitas a year ago when this question was first raised in previous media reports. At this time the DSS was funding some foster homes identified with the Temple and subsequently these children were removed. We have checked our placement records and to our knowledge we did not have any children in their care. Considerable and concerned discussion resulted in deferment of the issue until the commissioners have examined the content of the article. The chairman will bring in a recommendation for any further action in January and advise Supervisor Kopp's office accordingly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

In the matter of the Fresno Juvenile Justice Commission's request to oppose the pending amendments of the IJA-ABA Juvenile Justice Standards, Commissioners Wada M/Cayton S/C to oppose the recommendations. In the matter of alternatives for the younger youthful offenders who would be sent to Hidden Valley Ranch,

Commissioners Cayton M/Smith S/C that this business be calendared for the January agenda. The institutions committee to bring in a recommendation for further action.

There being no further business, Commissioner Wada M/S/C to adjourn in memory of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. to a brief executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Yori Wada, Secretary
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF JANUARY 4, 1979 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Webb at 12:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Webb, Grandin, Wada, Smith, Cayton, Figone, Maldonado, Mayberry. Excused: Armstrong, Ballou, Caesar. Absent: Fedrau, Salerno. Staff: Drewes, Botka, Cain, Foote, Bray. Guests: Dr. Laura Grieneeks, Psychiatric Clinic Director; Jane Asselin, Chairperson Delinquency Prevention Commission; Christine Skinner, Mayor's Criminal Justice Council.

JUDGE'S CORNER:

Judge Drewes announced the appointment of two new members to the juvenile justice commission; Mrs. Robert (Beatrice) Laws, four-year term and Mr. Stuart M. Gordon, two-year term. Mrs. Laws is a former Deputy City Attorney and a member of the Junior League, which frequently comes to the aid of the Court. Mr. Gordon is a practicing attorney and a past president of the Guardsmen. After the discussion at the December meeting regarding the closing of the Hidden Valley Ranch and the placement problem with younger offenders, he inquired and was advised that there are two 14-year-olds at Log Cabin Ranch.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter from Pearl West re San Francisco visit in April and participation of the state juvenile justice and delinquency prevention commission. Invitation from the California Association of Black Correctional Workers to a training conference for correctional workers, March 1-3, 1979, in San Francisco. Seasons Greetings from Youth Advocates. Invitation from the California State Advisory Group on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to a public hearing on February 2, 1979 at 10 a.m. at 170 Fell Street. Letter to Roger Boas from Chairman Webb asking why the department of public works has not done the work necessary to provide fire safety doors in juvenile hall. Letter to John Deacon, Chairman of Drafting Committee, House of Delegates, from Chairman Webb indicating that our commission has joined Fresno and other groups in opposing the IJA-ABA Standards Proposals for the Juvenile Justice System. Letter from Thomas Larson inquiring about employment referred to Mr. Botka for reply. Letter from Burns Security announcing appointment of Paul Lawler, retired captain of the San Francisco Police Department, as their Regional Investigations Manager.

Discussion was held concerning the meeting with Pearl West. Questions were raised as to whether this was to be the regular April meeting or a special meeting, how many people would be involved, and what the agenda would be.

Commissioner Wada suggested that the San Francisco Delinquency Prevention Commission be invited to join the group. Commissioner Figone suggested that the chairman contact Pearl West's office to determine the answers to the above questions. M/S/C that chairman contact Pearl West's office to determine what Mrs. West and her commission have in mind and that the response should be reported to the commission via memo.

The commission discussed the matter of representation at the California State Advisory Group on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's public hearing. Mr. Botka indicated that he would be attending and making a presentation and invited any commissioner to accompany him. Chairman Webb said the material would be reproduced and sent to all commissioners for input and asked the commissioners to participate on behalf of the commission. M/S/C to authorize representation from the commission to appear at hearing, and authorize chairman and officers to draft a statement for presentation.

REPORTS:

Mr. Botka stated that he appeared before the San Francisco Board of Supervisors Finance Committee yesterday. They approved the leasing of Hidden Valley to the California Conservation Corps. The City will receive $3,300 a month and the City Public Utilities Commission will receive $28,000 a year for utilities. He will advise commission of progress. He will also ask the CCC Program Manager to appear before the commission to answer any questions the commissioners may have. With regard to the problem of placing 13-year-olds, Mr. Botka asked Mr. Bray of Private Placement to report. Mr. Bray indicated that the problem was broader than just 13-year-olds, but that they were the most acute. In the last few months approximately 25% who came to Private Placement were mostly boys and former dependent children between the ages of 10 and 13. Placement resources for this age group are very scarce. Most private operators are licensed for 13-18 years of age, and the facilities for the 10-13 age group are outside the City and very few. The problem in placing these youths is due to their age, seriousness of the offense and the fact that many have failed in previous placements. Mr. Botka suggested that this problem could be addressed at the meeting in April with Pearl West. Commissioners voiced concern that the problem was getting worse and indicated something must be done. Chairman Webb referred the subject to the institutions committee. Mr. Botka said he would meet with the committee. Public budget hearings are taking place and the juvenile court plans to also hold a hearing. The suggested date is Friday, January 12. He informed the commission that juvenile hall and Log Cabin Ranch require no less than 95% of the current budget. Otherwise, it will result in the violation of state mandates and will also cause overcrowding, mixing younger and older youths, and the closing of a cottage. Log Cabin staff is at the minimum now. Mr. Cain remarked that a good point about the budget is that each department will be allowed to manage the money received, therefore, determining the cutbacks, priorities, etc. He pointed out that people would have to be cut because none of the services could be eliminated. M/S/C to hold the budget hearing on Friday, January 12, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., in the Chapel. Mr. Botka will place notices in the newspapers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Smith spoke on the Department of Public Health budget. He remarked that all doctors are part-time and that when Dr. Taggart was on vacation recently, no replacement was sent to cover for him as had been done in the past. Mr. Botka stated that Dr. Brown is in the process of submitting a proposal to HEW for a program at the Youth Guidance Center for medical care, mental health workers, public health nurse, community liaison medical person, etc., to maintain our status or improve the situation due to expected cuts in the health budget.

Commissioner Grandin inquired about the results of the investigation to see whether a separate cottage should be established for holding runaways per AB 958. Mr. Botka indicated that the report from Mr. Foote's office stated a facility was not warranted at this time. Periodic evaluation will take place.

Commissioner Grandin inquired about the Peoples Temple matter and the New West article. Chairman Webb said she read the article and it mentioned Alameda County specifically and also referred to a juvenile probation department, which was very vague and could pertain to any and all counties. Chairman Webb said she received a telephone call from Supervisor Kopp's aide a couple of days after the December meeting. Mr. Botka informed the commission that of 88 names provided to the Court, a check revealed that none were wards of the juvenile court. The San Francisco Department of Social Services concurred. M/S/C that Chairman Webb write Supervisor Kopp indicating that after investigation no youths on probation went to Jonestown or were in foster homes of the Peoples Temple members. Further discussion re New West article indicated that no further action is deemed necessary.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1, 1979 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Webb at 12:50 p.m. following an executive meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Webb, Smith, Ballou, Caesar, Cayton, Figone, Gordon, Laws, Maldonado, Mayberry. Excused: Armstrong, Grandin, Wada. Absent: Salerno. Staff: Botka, Carlson. Guests: Joan Coyne, Volunteer Auxiliary; Robert Hennessey, California Conservation Corps.

Minutes of January 4, 1979 were approved as corrected to include approval of December 7, 1978 minutes and the resignation of Commissioner Fedrau.

Chairman Webb introduced the newly appointed Commissioners, Beatrice Laws and Stuart Gordon.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Invitation from the San Francisco Center for Public Education to a workshop, February 3, 1979. Notice from CPPCA re nominations for annual awards. Survey from Santa Clara County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission regarding AB 958. Referred to Institutions Committee for analysis and report back to commission. Invitation to Valentine Day Benefit Luncheon for JACKIE. Notice from the National Council of Juvenile and Family Judges for 42nd annual conference, July 15-20, 1979, in Monterey. CYA's news bulletin, Reach Out. News bulletin from the National Directory of Children and Youth Services.

REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN: In the matter of the appearance of CYA Director Pearl West before the commission and her request for a meeting to include all bay area commissions this would require a special meeting such as a seminar or workshop. The original invitation to her and initially agreed to would have been with this commission in a regular meeting. Considerable discussion indicated that a special meeting and work involved to sponsor this kind of seminar resulted in Caesar M/Figone S/C to send a letter declining this offer and restating our invitation to meet with this commission at another time. Chief Botka reminded the commissioners that the CYA welcomes visitors and that he could arrange a trip for those interested commissioners to visit the CYA in the spring. Request to Chief Botka to prepare and report to the next meeting the following: 1) organization chart of the system including a copy to be posted in the

commission/committee meeting room 2) chart on process beginning with intake through adjudication with individual copies for each commissioner. Committee chairmen were reminded that preliminary reports should be made in March with final reports for the April meeting. In the matter of the DPC coordinating council she attended the first two meetings. From that time she never received minutes or written meeting notices. Her calendar did not allow for last minute Thursday telephone call reminders to attend a meeting the following morning. We are now receiving the coordinating council minutes, including the minutes of the delinquency prevention committee and Commissioner Grandin will now represent the commission in the coordinating cou.cil meeting. Requested Chief Botka to assign a staff member to work with the juvenile court committee, probation services committee and the institutions committee. The respective chairmen will determine how they wish to work with the assigned staff. Commissioners appreciate continuing up-date on children in custody and programs for same. The staff meeting minutes are informative but present procedure of receiving in the regular meetings is too late and asked that they be mailed weekly. Commissioner Laws questioned the cost of weekly mailing and the decision was left with Chief Botka. Commissioner Laws assigned to probation services committee with a request to the committee chairman to call a meeting and elect a temporary chairman. Figone M/S/C that we invite representatives of the district attorney's office, public defender and other staff personnel to appear before this commission in the future for up-date of on-going work and programs. Commissioner Maldonado requested that Mrs. Coyne, President of Volunteer Auxiliary, report their activity in March.

CPO: Chief Botka introduced Robert Hennessey, Manager of the California Conservation Corps to the commissioners to report on the new CCC program at Hidden Valley.

Mr. Hennessey said that Hidden Valley is one of the best locations CCC has leased. This is an employment and educational program for youth between the ages 16-23 with federal and state funding. Recruitment is made through the California Employment Development Department. The recruits are trained at the CCC Academy in Calaveras County for one month. Rigorous training involves 6-day week schedule beginning at 5:00 a.m. This includes exercise, chores, work projects, evening activities, classes and workshops. Graduates are paid $500 month less $115 for board and room and they are assigned to one of 24 CCC centers. Hidden Valley project has 30 men/20 women on the San Bernardino Pacific Coast Trail preparing for tree planting in the spring. Project work with cities, counties, forestry, etc. includes training in basic skills for animal husbandry, auto mechancis, woodworking, gardening, electrical and plumbing. CCC has a volunteer program to obtain jobs after 60 days; 2/3 of the graduates pick up jobs. Specialized placement requires another year. In response to several questions he stated that there are 1,400 in the program throughout the state; 50% finish program in one year. We have brochures and will send to commission; plan to tie in with Log Cabin with gardening, animal husbandry, wood shop, auto shop and firefighting training; including small farm program; LCR students really interested in the CCC program but policy precludes taking anyone on probation. Commissioner Figone expressed dismay since this could be an alternative program for 17-year-olds unable to go to college and the court should have an option in program providing for trade/skill training for employment. Hennessey said that probationers who report regularly

to probation officers are not available for some skill training. Chief Botka to look into this. Commissioner Caesar requested that the CCC newsletter as well as any other reports be mailed to the commissioners.

Chief Botka advised that Rafiki Masaada is being reactivated. This is the Youth Advocates home for status offenders. Anticipate placing 8-10 youths there who have a good chance for family reconciliation. RM is an extension of our juvenile court program with federal funding. The goal is returning status offenders to their families. In the matter of the Log Cabin auto shop the school department has responded positively to the commission's continuing requests to fill the instructor position. We can now proceed to hire the instructor. He noted that the commission deserves the credit and said that Commissioners Figone and Fedrau had contributed considerable effort. Commissioner Smith noted that Commissioner Cayton also deserves credit here. The Chief also advised that the CCC lease with Hidden Valley is available for our interest in his office.

INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE: Chairman Figone met with Chief Botka and Assistant CP Cain to discuss resources available for 13-year-old boys. Chief Botka at his request, queried other counties re available camp/ranch space. San Mateo has space and willing to work out interchange program. Judy Hogan, county placement, working with San Mateo staff and may have report by next meeting. Funding for this accommodation would be paid from maintenance of minor funds. Chief Botka said this is a standing budget item which pays for boarding schools, foster home care and return of runaways. Santa Clara does not have space at this time. In response to several specific questions, Don Carlson advised that Camp Glenwood is a nice facility, provides for multiple age range but is closed weekends; kids are sent home or to juvenile hall. Chief Botka stated that they have a wider age range compared to our intake and larger staff; provide weekend home supervision with visits of PO's; and a total program; can begin with 2 - 3 placements; we do not send 13-year-olds to the CYA since these special age programs have been discontinued by the CYA. The committee will have a new report for March meeting.

MEDICAL: Commissioner Smith, liaison to the medical advisory committee, reported--judge attended; mentioned inspection of kitchen; 60 physician hours up until last July, then dropped to 40 when Brown left and took his 20 with him; Dr. Brown wrote up a request for $100,000 to $200,000 for Title V money to fund additional needs of the department. At present, there is no substitute for night nurse on days off. City pays $60 per day while nurses working in private hospitals are paid $85 per day. Department does not have a secretary. Expect another 17% cut next year. They discussed employment of a nurse practitioner and public health nurse. PH nurse funding has been cut; when funds are available, every child will be screened and those already covered by Med-I-Cal are automatically eligible for program. New intake will be based on income and qualifying schedule.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The chairman asked Commissioner Gordon to serve on legislative committee along with Commissioner Salerno. She also advised commissioners that the

March agenda will include report from Chief Botka re organizational charts et al; preliminary committee reports; report from Mrs. Coyne.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 1979 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Webb at 12:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Webb, Wada, Smith, Ballou, Cayton, Figone, Laws, Mayberry. Excused: Caesar, Grandin, Salerno, Gordon. Absent: Armstrong, Maldonado. Staff: Drewes, Botka, Cain, Foote, Guests: Joan Coyne, Volunteer Auxiliary; Barney Kammerer, California Youth Authority; Jane Asselin and Flor de Marie Reyes Crane, Delinquency Prevention Commission.

Minutes of February 1, 1979 were approved as submitted.

Chairman introduced guests: Barney Kammerer of CYA and Commissioners Jane Asselin and Flor de Marie Reyes Crane of the San Francisco Delinquency Prevention Commission. Commissioner Asselin indicated that Commissioner Crane would attend our meetings as their representative and invited us to send a member of our commission to observe their meetings.

JUDGE'S CORNER:

Met with two executives of the CYA last week; learned that when youths are committed to CYA they become their wards but still remain our wards; can always bring children back here; frequently used Section 120303 of Penal Code when dealing with adult offenders; provides that convicted adult offenders can be sent to Department of Corrections for evaluation and recommendation and come back within 90 days; trying to find equivalent to use with juveniles; some jurisdictions have such agreement with CYA, but expensive; San Francisco has psychiatric evaluation through Mental Health, so screening is done here. Received letter from Judicial Council re televised court hearings; would like to respond in affirmative; believe of educational value for public to see actual courtroom proceedings; since juvenile proceedings are confidential by law, doubt we can take advantage of such. Going to two-day seminar in San Diego; of special interest will be session for new juvenile court judges. Subject of considerable interest is psychiatric resources available to Juvenile Court; in state of disarray; had meeting with health committee re this a few weeks ago.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Thank you card from Mrs. George Moscone. Office of Child Abuse Prevention bulletin, March 1979. Notice of change of address and invitation to open house, March 1, Youth Advocates. The San Francisco Center for Public Education, evaluation summary of community conference on education held February 3, 1979. Workshop announcement from UC Berkeley, "Correctional Facilities: Planning and Design," April 4-5, 1979, Los Angeles. Newsletters and brochures filed.

REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN: Deferred report; invited Barney Kammerer to address commissioners, who spoke briefly as the consultant with the CYA dealing with the AB 90 program and the Mayor's Criminal Justice Council; available for anything commission needs help on; Chairman will be sending a written invitation to appear before commission very soon for up-date.

CPO: Was guest of American Arbitration Association; one of 20 selected from Western US to attend workshop on handling personnel grievances. This was a good experience. Don Carlson appointed Traffic Hearing Officer and Fred Virgilio, Deputy Traffic Hearing Officer; purpose of deputy is to fill in during vacations, illnesses. This is a lateral move since the position was transferred from the superior court budget to juvenile court budget at no additional cost. Mr. Boden has come in and done some in-service training; both men very capable and will make excellent hearing officers. In response to request at February meeting provided commissioners with organization charts, flow charts and statistical data which will be supplied every month plus any additional information the commission would like to receive. Visits to the CYA can be on individual basis or groups; would be one day outing with transportation arranged. Log Cabin visits can be arranged for any day of week or even weekend; individually or in groups; especially invite those commissioners who have not been to ranch. The Civil Grand Jury is making their annual visit. If commission wishes to meet with the Grand Jury, will make arrangements. Joan Coyne of Volunteer Auxiliary is recipient of several awards recently; KABL's Citizen of the Day; honored by CPPCA for work with youth including article on Volunteer Auxiliary at YGC by Kevin Starr, San Francisco Examiner.

VOLUNTEER AUXILIARY: Joan Coyne, President, reported on their Flea Market sale in November which realized $2,000. The Christmas room opened November 19; many beautiful gifts purchased; over 5,000 distributed to children at the YGC and throughout the City; Messrs. Kane and Soule gave 24th annual Christmas party whereby guests bring gifts; arrived at YGC with several carloads of gifts and $6,000; wonderful party given for children in cottages; refreshments, live entertainment by rock group; radios presented to cottages; clothing room is well-stocked; received letter from Charilla Foundation commenting on the excellent operation of clothing room and volunteers service in this area; revolving funds set up for Log Cabin and status offenders to provide money for treats on outings, lunch on return home trips, etc.; children from C cottages went to see movie Superman on New Year's Eve; really enjoyed outing, no incidents or acting out; orthodontist matching funds with auxiliary to provide braces for youth here; invitation to Volunteers annual St. Patrick's Day event; coffee, Irish bread, etc.

Chairman Webb on behalf of the commission congratulated Mrs. Coyne for her awards, long overdue; for an outstanding job as president of the Volunteer Auxiliary.

INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE: Commissioner Figone--made visit to YGC; staff members remarked on great job Volunteers are doing; very thankful; will be meeting with staff once more before submitting written report in April; members of committee pleased with operation of YGC; pleased with cooperation of Bob Foote and his staff for time taken while touring facility; physical conditions improved 100%; making as pleasant as possible; new paint; impressed during tour

by new alert system; really works; condition called while in B5; in no time at all assistance rendered; will be talking to staff to find out concerns and see where committee can be of help.

PROBATION SERVICES COMMITTEE: Chairman Mayberry deferred to Commissioner Laws who reported that the committee met with Warren Cain, Clara Merrill and Nadia Stafford and will present the final report in April.

TREASURY REPORT: Commissioner Smith reported a balance of $142.61 in the commission's personal account.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The chairman inquired as to how many commissioners attended the pre-screening of the TV documentary Scared Straight. Several commissioners did attend the screening and found it shocking and brutal, but expressed that it should have a positive effect on youth. The commercial showing is March 11 at 10:00 p.m. on Channel 44. Mr. Foote will make arrangements to let detainees view it. The chairman also expressed concern that we have had no direct response from Roger Boas regarding the installation of fire safety doors in Juvenile Hall. Mr. Botka advised her that an architect had been out since the letter was originated, and at this time more money is required than had been originally budgeted. Mr. Botka asked the Department of Public Works to begin work with the current budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Webb advised the commissioners that nominations were in order for a four-member nominating committee which will report the recommendation for 1979-80 officers at the April meeting. The action is in compliance with the By-laws. Commissioners Smith, Mayberry, Caesar and Figone were nominated. Wada M/S/C that the chairman be authorized to name the committee chairman. She also asked the commissioners for their input regarding the annual spring workshop. Commissioner Ballou offered to hold the workshop in her home and M/S/C that the new officers plan the agenda. The chairman announced that Judy Hogan, supervisor of county placement will address the April commission meeting. Commissioner Laws asked whether someone had been appointed to attend the delinquency prevention commission meetings. The chairman advised this assignment had been made at the last meeting. Regarding meetings with the current Civil Grand Jury members Wada M/S/C that the chairman be authorized to negotiate a meeting between the commissioners and the Civil Grand Jury.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MINUTES OF APRIL 5, 1979 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Webb at 12:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Webb, Grandin, Smith, Gordon, Laws, Maldonado, Mayberry, Salerno. Excused: Armstrong, Ballou, Caesar, Cayton, Figone, Wada. Staff: Drewes, Botka, Foote, Hogan. Guests: Joan Coyne, Volunteer Auxiliary.

Minutes of March 1, 1979 were approved as submitted.

JUDGE'S CORNER:

Judge Drewes attended a conference of judges and referees in San Diego last weekend; signed up for meeting on fundamentals of juvenile justice procedure and the law. Very sophisticated and philosophical discussion on operation of juvenile court. This was a "graduate" course. Interesting and valuable session re mental health of juveniles and facilities available. Most important thing discussed was case just came down end of last week from district court of appeals ruling that referees cannot preside at 602 proceedings following the supreme court case of Perrone C. and Jesse W. California Attorney General will appeal Perrone C. case; Jesse W. appealed to supreme court and sent back. This could be the end of referee system in juvenile court. Counsel can stipulate referee may sit as judge pro tem. 45,000 minors under jurisdiction of CYA, which is just about their capacity. Staff is one-to-one at CYA. Budget about $20,000 per ward per year.

COMMUNICATIONS:

News release from KRON-TV re free health screening, April 2-8. Follow-up material from the San Francisco Center for Public Education re community conference on education. Spring Conference, March 30, 1979, Oakland Airport Hilton, sponsored by Bay Area Training Officers, CPPCA and CYA. Background material and data re school finance legislation from the San Francisco Center for Public Education. Notice of public hearing on performance of San Francisco's Community Development Program, April 5, 1979, 7:30 p.m. Notice of rally re future of San Francisco Public Schools, April 5, 1979, 7:30 p.m., Mission High School. Staff News from CYA. Notice of Second Annual NETWORK Conference at San Francisco State University, April 10, 1979, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Action for Foster Children Committee Newsletter. The above filed. Notice from California Delinquency Commission enclosing copy of SB 308 calling for a study of juvenile court law. Referred to legislative committee for review and report back to commission. Minutes of delinquency prevention commission referred to Commissioner Grandin

who will attend their meetings. Letter from Jane Asselin, Chairman DPC, advising of new officers and confirmation that Commissioner Flor Crane is their liaison to this commission. Letter from Fresno County Juvenile Justice Chairman re IJA-ABA Standards pointing out that the executive board of the bar association voted to defer action for one more year but the ABA House of Delegates voted in favor. She also suggested we make every effort to seek disapproval of the California Legislature. Judge Drewes stated that Referee Childs was actively involved and suggested she be invited to address the commission. Considerable discussion followed including invitation to a San Francisco House Delegate to the ABA. Commissioner Laws M/S/C to invite Referee Childs to address the subject in the May meeting. Commissioner Laws also recommended we defer further action until we hear from Referee Childs. Commissioner Gordon asked for copies of the letter and attachments. The chairman will send copies to each commissioner and respond to Fresno Commission Chairman Ansperger to advise procedure discussed here.

REPORTS:

CPO: Discussed statistics mailed to commission and explained AB 90 money and CYA commitments and the quota system involved. Informed commission that quota was for both juvenile and adult commitments. Although juvenile commitments are staying within reason. This is common among large counties. We are trying to get laws passed to change this. Additional data is always available for commission on request. Deferred to Robert Foote to discuss population in juvenile hall. He discussed the problem of overcrowding and possible decertification. Met with Judge Drewes, referees and CYA to discuss problem. CYA will allow some overcrowding on three-day weekends or when large group picked up on same incident, but not for chronic overcrowding. Anticipate some overcrowding from now until June. In response to Commissioner Salerno's query, stated we are servicing youth and community and concerned about City Hall and dollars. Doing a disservice to youth when we get overcrowded. Might be that facility should be expanded. Working with MCJC on proposed Transition House to serve as community facility for boys coming out of Log Cabin to smooth their return to home/community. Met with the San Francisco Boys Home to devise program. Proposal being voted on today at MCJC. If approved, will develop a grant request and provide progress reports to commission as project develops. Budget: being given 95% of current budget for 1979-80. Due to staff being on leave, resignations, etc., it won't be necessary to lay anyone off. Budget hearing will be held on April 20 at 2 p.m., finance committee of the board of supervisors. Bidders Conference for CETA workers held. Money going to school for summer jobs that will pertain to us. Will get a block of jobs for youths, mostly for Log Cabin detainees. YGC will be worksite for youth. This will involve working in kitchen, offices, grounds, etc. The CPO in San Mateo County will be able to take some of our boys at the approximate cost of $1,500 per month. We can only send boys who have families to take them on weekends and provide transportation between home and San Mateo Probation Department.

JUVENILE COURT: Chairman Grandin stated that Judge Drewes had already reported on the cases of Perrone C. and Jesse W. This will have a definite impact on the system. She will submit a written report.

SPECIAL REPORT: Judy Hogan, Supervisor county placement, reported on the work handled by her division. Case loads involve boys at Log Cabin and graduates from the ranch now at home under supervision. The department has seven probation officers. Most cases are boys who have been in the system on previous offenses. Rarely involved first offenses unless very serious. Transition House time would be very flexible, six weeks to three-four months. The average stay at Log Cabin is six months depending on seriousness of offense and behavior. Releases based on school semester to create a smoother return to public school system. Average case load of probation officers is 32. Chairman Webb thanked her for this update.

PROBATION SERVICES: Chairman Mayberry stated that committee had been without a permanent chairman and members of committee had changed throughout the year. Workshop of June 1978 determined areas of concern: administration, staffing patterns, ward demography, private placement, program services. Meetings were held with staff to discuss these areas. Reported that a positive note is the number of individuals who return to Juvenile Court seeking out staff members who helped them when they had gone through the juvenile justice system. Written report submitted; to be mailed to all commissioners. M/S/C to adopt report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Nominating committee report--Chairman Smith reported the results of the committee meeting and recommended that Chairman Webb, Vice Chairman Grandin, Secretary Wada and Treasurer Smith be re-elected and M/S/C to adopt report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Webb announced that all committees will be recomprised and that she will talk to commissioners individually re their specific interest.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MINUTES OF MAY 3, 1979 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Webb at 12:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Webb, Grandin, Smith, Ballou, Cayton, Figone, Gordon, Laws, Mayberry, Salerno. Excused: Armstrong, Caesar, Wada. Absent: Maldonado. Staff: Drewes, Botka, Cain, Foote. Guests: Dr. Laura Grieneeks, YGC Psychiatric Clinic; Joan Coyne, Volunteer Auxiliary; Judy Fong and Lori Yee, students from San Francisco State University.

Minutes of April 5, 1979 were approved as submitted.

Chairman Webb announced that Marjorie Childs, guest speaker, would not be able to attend the meeting today but would appear before the commission on June 7 and address the subject of the IJA-ABA Standards. The chairman also introduced two guests, Judy Fong and Lori Yee, students from San Francisco State University, who were here to observe this meeting on assignment for class on government relations. Chairman also received call late today from Dr. Grieneeks of the Psychiatric Clinic concerning the budget and proposed cuts. Dr. Grieneeks will appear today to discuss the budget.

JUDGE'S CORNER:

This morning police liaison officer came to see him about different procedure for bench warrants; any change hard to effect smoothly in any governmental operation; heretofore, bench warrants have been badly executed; liaison officer concerned because no police personnel available to execute warrants; used to be two officers attached to YGC who did nothing but issue bench warrants; don't know if lack of personnel is due to Proposition 13 or the usual problems of Civil Service; will be dealing with in next few days; upon Judge Mayer's return, will discuss with him as well as other persons in the Superior Court. Judge Drewes responded to Commissioner Laws query re bench warrants stating that the majority are for failure to appear or misconduct during court. He also responded to Commissioner Grandin's query re emancipation advising on what was before him.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Thank you note from Madeleine Rougley was passed to the commissioners. In response to a request from the Bay Guardian, it was M/S/C that the chairman would respond in writing and thank them for their interest and advise that the regular meeting is held the first Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in the Youth Guidance

Center. Newsletter from the Volunteer Auxiliary with an invitation to attend the annual springtime luncheon on Thursday, May 10. Commissioner Ballou stated she would not be attending and the chairman requested all commissioners to attend. Brochure from the National Council of Alcoholism. Brochure from the Way Home Foundation. Letter copy from CYA to be reported in Chief Botka's report. Invitation to the Community College Skill Center open house, April 24. Minutes from DPC referred to Commissioner Grandin. Invitation for luncheon in honor of Jane Asselin May 3. Notice from San Francisco Charter Commission re hearings on public protection and safety, May 8, 7 to 10 p.m., to be held at the Trinity United Methodist Church. The notice included hearing date May 10, 7 to 10 p.m. at Lincoln University. The chairman suggested that any commissioner who could attend the hearings should work with Chief Botka re participation. Invitation from the CPPCA to attend the annual conference June 13-15 in Sacramento. This included an invitation to join the CPPCA. Announcement of summer session at UC Berkeley Extension School. Our Animal magazine, winter edition. M/S/C to file above.

REPORTS:

CPO: Discussed statistics provided to commission. Program with Rafiki Masaada group home getting under way. Moving youths from YGC to Rafiki Masaada. LCR population fairly high; 95% capacity; requires a lot of work on part of staff; no serious problems; credit Bob Foote for keeping on top of this. CYA commitments slightly above average, but consistent with time of year; anticipate dropping off soon. Minutes of probation staff meetings held by Warren Cain provided to commission as way of keeping informed and abreast of daily/weekly activities; always feel free to contact about anything in these minutes. CYA letter notice to decertify Juvenile Hall; given 60 days to comply with standards; issue is fire safety corrections; construction work is starting May 7; going to meet with DPW and CAO to point out the urgency in completing this work; problems in getting work done due to Proposition 13, special materials required, etc.; work must be done by June 30; will be either certified or decertified. Chairman notes that this has been in the works for two years. She wrote to CAO and never received response. Architect in touch to discuss plans. Have attempted to arrange a meeting with Roger Boas for two days. We are working with the CYO to develop the Transition Home. Meeting tomorrow with DSS and San Francisco Boys Home re financing through grant application. Commissioner Grandin asked whether they would be given a select group of people that a lot of youths won't be accepted. The chief stated that staff would be making the decisions since the CYO will provide their staff on a contractual basis. The building site would be selected. Chairman Webb advised the commissioners that she asked Commissioner Cayton, who is familiar with the project, to work with the chief. Commissioner Cayton was pleased to accept the special assignment. In response to Commissioner Laws he advised that the home can accommodate 6 to 8 boys. He attended the Board of Supervisors finance committee budget hearings April 20 which allocated 95% of current budget with a few minor exceptions. One is the deletion of salary for the engineer at Hidden Valley. We don't anticipate many layoffs of permanent employees, however, temporary and CETA employees may be affected. In response to Commissioner Figone, stated that the CCC program is very effective although there are funding problems. He asked commission to prepare their summary for inclusion in the annual report for 1978. Chairman Webb will advise.

INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE: Chairman Figone asked for additional time to bring in a complete report for the June meeting.

CHAIRMAN: Erica Drewes is an artist who has an on-going program in the Alameda County Juvenile Hall. Ms. Drewes is interested in bringing the project into juvenile hall. Joan Coyne and Rosemary O'Sullivan, volunteer auxiliary, Janet Medina from juvenile hall and your chairman met today with Ms. Drewes to discuss her project. She was invited to appear before the commission today but was unable to do so. Ms. Drewes is seeking a three-year grant from the San Francisco Foundation for this project. The volunteer auxiliary is already working on another art project program. We must defer any action until the juvenile hall staff and auxiliary determine the feasibility. Mrs. Coyne has been asked to submit her report along with the juvenile hall staff at our next meeting.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: Commissioner Gordon reported on SB 308, which calls for a study of juvenile court law. The bill seeks to establish a commission of 25 people to review current law and submit report in three years to Governor Brown. We will probably be contacted sometime in future for input/participation.

SPECIAL REPORT: Dr. Grieneeks, Director of Psychiatric Clinic at YGC, spoke about the budget for the medical and psychiatric clinics at YGC. Met with DPH personnel yesterday to look at combining mental and physical health services. Asked for 120% budget, received 95%; 120% would barely cover minimum requirements that are mandated. Will not be able to have full nursing coverage. We lost a clerk, so medical personnel is spending valuable time doing paper work. Licensed vocational nurse will be leaving in September because she is a CETA employee. Finance committee and the mayor are going to try to find some $500,000 due to clerical errors in budget. Must check into regulations concerning mandated 24-hour medical coverage. It would be a disaster to send youths to SF General Hospital due to unnecessary emotional trauma, non-availability of personnel for transportation, etc. Chief Botka fought against this type of service. We must get to health department for their support and attend budget hearings. Commissioner Grandin noted that Goldman and Feinstein want to have private contractual agencies. Finance committee forcing people to come under private contract. Chief Botka asked chairman to appoint someone to get together with staff on this. Chairman advised that commissioners Smith and Grandin have been involved and should continue to work with staff. Dr. Grieneeks asked for support of commission. We are getting physically and mentally sicker youths all the time. Children are getting lost in process. We applied for Title V funds to increase medical staff--turned down. We put in for LEAA money--turned down. San Francisco is being turned down. We're viewed as "rich" county by people in Sacramento. The CETA program is a real problem. Only four classifications in entire City eligible to continue after September. CPO will get Dr. Brown and then to Commissioners Smith and Grandin to get priorities down for meeting with Dr. Silverman. Time line is critical. Meeting should be scheduled tomorrow.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Chairman announced committee assignments will be held over until June.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yori Wada, Secretary
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MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 1979 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Webb at 12:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Webb, Grandin, Smith, Ballou, Laws, Maldonado. Excused: Caesar, Cayton, Figone, Gordon, Wada. Absent: Mayberry, Salerno. Staff: Drewes, Botka, Cain. Guests: Commissioner Marjorie Childs; Dr. Laura Grieneeks, YGC Psychiatric Clinic; Joan Coyne, Volunteer Axuiliary; Flor Crane, Delinquency Prevention Commission.

Minutes of May 3, 1979 were approved as submitted.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:

Court Commissioner Marjorie Childs appeared to talk about the IJA-ABA Standards of Juvenile Justice. She apologized for not being able to make it to the May meeting as originally scheduled and stated she was glad to be here today. She indicated she has been associated with the Standards since 1971 when appointed to the drafting committee on corrections. She remarked that she had spoken to the Fresno County Juvenile Justice Commission about the Standards. Suggested everyone become familiar with the ten principals and listed most of them: Proportionality in sanctions for juvenile offenders based on the seriousness of the offense committed--"just desserts"; Sentences or dispositions should be determinate; Least restrictive alternative should be the choice of decision makers--"don't take minor out of home unless necessary, even if murder case"; Noncriminal misbehavior (status offenders) should be removed from juvenile court jurisdiction; Should have right to counsel for all affected interests at all crucial stages of proceedings; Juvenile should have right to decide on actions affecting their lives--minor can refuse treatment in psychiatric facility, refuse to attend school; Limitations should be imposed on detention, treatment, etc. prior to adjudication and disposition; Strict criteria should be established for waiver of juvenile court jurisdiction to regulate transfer of juveniles to adult division. Other topics covered: Right to trial by jury--if treated as adult for similar crime then minor is entitled to trial by jury; Restrictions on types of cases coming before judge--many cases should be handled through other channels, such as probation; How much a judge should know when minor comes before him--preferable that judge doesn't know too much about social history, just what is offense and prior offenses; Judge Drewes suggested reading: "The Best Laid Plans," especially the last three chapters, by Helen Ryerson; Separation of probation from juvenile court; Commissioner Childs recommended acquiring the entire set of books, 24 volumes, or at least the 24th volume, which is a summary and analysis of the standards. Cost for set is approximately $165.

Chairman will discuss with Mr. Botka. Commissioner Childs indicated she would like to appear before the commission again after a meeting in Chicago when she would have more information. Chairman Webb thanked her for coming; it was a pleasure having her speak and the commission will look forward to her returning.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Note from Judy Fong and Lori Yee, SF State students, thanking commission for allowing them to observe meeting and see commission in action. Letter copy from clerk of the board of supervisors to DPC, with memorandum attached from DPC re sunset hearings; passed to commission. Letter copy from Philip Kearney, Health Service System, to Mr. Botka re request for coverage under health plan for commission. Disapproved. Invitation to JJC and DPC to participate in special training activities during CPPCA Conference, June 13-15, in Sacramento. Chairman cannot attend and hopes someone from commission can attend. Letter from Pearl West advising that the CYA is accepting applications for funding of administrative expenses for county delinquency prevention commissions for 1979-80. Letter from the Coleman Agency re meetings held on medical clinic. Deferred to CPO and Commissioner Smith's reports. Letter from Youth for Service asking consideration for summer employment for previous employee of their staff. Resume included. Referred to CPO. Letter from SF Center for Public Education re second session on public education, Saturday, June 9, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Museum of Modern Art. Chairman asked for participation. Letter copy from the CYA to the CPO re clearance by the CYA on fire safety provisions. Defer to the CPO report. The DPC coordinating council agenda, minutes, material referred to Commissioner Grandin, commission liaison. May and June issues of the CYA Staff News. Spring edition of the CYA Reach Out. Spring edition of NEXUS, SF Center for Public Education newsletter. May and June issues of the SF Business magazine.

REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN: Request approval to hold brief executive session following meeting. M/S/C to comply. Distributed new California Welfare and Institutions Code. Announced the annual workshop to be hosted by Commissioner Ballou on Wednesday, September 12. Resignation of Commissioner Armstrong. Referred to executive session. Commissioner Figone unable to attend today. He will mail final report of institutions committee to each commissioner. He will also prepare Annual Commission Report to include in the Annual Juvenile Court Report. Committee appointments: Institutions--Commissioner Figone, chairman, Commissioners Laws and Smith; Juvenile Court--Commissioner Cayton, chairman, Commissioners Gordon and Wada; Probation Services--Commissioner Laws, chairman, Commissioners Grandin and Maldonado; Legislative--Commissioner Gordon, chairman, Commissioners Mayberry and Salerno; Education--Chairman Webb; court-police liaison--Commissioner Ballou; juvenile hall health advisory liaison--Commissioner Smith; delinquency prevention commission liaison--Commissioner Grandin. M/S/C to approve committee appointments.

CPO: Average daily population in juvenile hall high but normal. Log Cabin Ranch averaging 77.8% capacity since closure of Hidden Valley. Full house is hard on staff, less flexibility. Transfer of some counselors when Hidden Valley closed. About 7 to 8 graduations from ranch, but at least that many on waiting list to get into ranch program. Annual Report--a couple of reports outstanding. Should be going to printer in next couple of weeks. Hope to have available for

distribution around July 1. Commitment from Dr. Silverman stating our services will not be cut and if they should, funds will be taken from another part of health department budget to maintain the YGC health clinic budget. Appeared before Charter Commission and recommended change in Administrative Code to indicate that where children are being held in custody, minimum standards of medical services be required. Wrote letter to SFUSD re LCR auto shop, indicating if inventory and turn over of equipment not received prior to June 15, YGC staff will take inventory and move in June 15. Have two prospects for mechanics to work at ranch 4 hours a night teaching elementary auto shop. Informed district attorney that juvenile court staff will no longer be able to provide typing services after September 30 due to loss of CETA clerical staff. Rafiki Masaada group home is in operation and programs underway. Volunteer auxiliary made visit to home and will assist them in acquiring needed furnishings.
Dr. Grieneeks indicated that the YGC has been identified as Sixth District Health Center and will have more monies and funds available. UC and SFGH grants providing consultation services to YGC also. Hope to uncover some programs that can be brought to YGC.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Grandin mentioned two supreme court case decisions re issues raised at this court: In the Morris S. case--Time spent in juvenile hall will be credited to CYA commitment. Minor using marijuana, parents call police in to search room; decision: violation of minor's rights. Minor using marijuana, parents won't allow entry to house to search room although minor agreeable; decision pending.

Chairman Webb announced CYA planning special conference in 1980 for International Year of Child. Requested commissioners provide input for participation.

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MINUTES OF JULY 5, 1979 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Webb at 12:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Webb, Grandin, Wada, Smith, Caesar, Cayton, Gordon, Laws, Maldonado, Mayberry. Excused: Ballou, Figone. Absent: Salerno. Staff: Drewes, Botka, Cain, Hogg. Guests: Joan Coyne, Volunteer Auxiliary; Flor Crane, Delinquency Prevention Commission.

Minutes of June 7, 1979, approved as corrected. Commissioner Grandin stated the court case reference is Maurice S. and not Morrie S.

JUDGE'S CORNER:

Visited the Log Cabin Ranch along with Mrs. Drewes for a picnic. Very impressed by presentation made by Jim Licavoli about the program at the ranch. Doesn't seem to be very much to do, especially on weekends. Nice swimming pool but no one in it because it is too cold. Inquired about the use of solar energy for heating pool. Called Fafco for estimate of installation and cost of materials. Two engineers on staff plus youth at ranch could possibly do this for under $500. Two tennis courts not in use. Talked to Mr. Botka and we met with Mrs. Rosenthal of the Youth Tennis Foundation to find volunteer instructor. Once agriculture activity. One year deer wiped out entire crop. Auto shop has all equipment. School department has promised to supply teacher for last three years. We visited Hidden Valley Ranch. Very attractive architecturally but not much land. Commissioner Grandin suggested we should look into possibility of teaching youth the function of solar heating systems and installation.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Copy of letter from CYA to Mr. Botka in response to letter from Jeanne Bailey regarding potential overcrowding in Juvenile Hall. Copy of letter from CYA to Sheriff Brown regarding unsuitability of County Jail #6 for minors. Invitation from Friends of Public Education to special showing of King Tut exhibit, July 7, 9 p.m., $25. List of committee appointments from Chairman Webb. March-April and May-June newsletters of the Westside Community. May-June issue of CYA's Reach Out. June issue of CYA's Staff News. Spring issue of Youth Authority Quarterly. Minimum Standards for juvenile homes, ranches, camps or forestry camps from Pearl West. Refer to Institutions Committee. Summary of various assembly and senate bills from San Francisco Center for Public Education and from Office of Child Abuse Prevention. Commissioner Grandin said we were usually invited to go along when CYA makes inspection of

County Jail #6. Chief Botka responded that this was initiated by us in past. Chairman will ask Institutions Committee to follow through. Commissioner Wada M/S/C that the chairman be authorized to write Sheriff Brown re deficiencies and advise us of steps he intends to take and the timetable for corrections and offer our assistance. Chief Botka noted that Sheriff Brown was appointed in the fall and may not be familiar with the situation; also spoke to Jack Gifford at CYA; Sheriff should ask the CYA to send consultants to indicate how deficiencies might be corrected. Letter from Jerry Miller asking for assistance in research he is conducting about the California Juvenile Justice Commission with request to be placed on mailing list.

REPORTS:

Chairman noted that guest speaker Lt. Vic Macia, SFPD Youth Service Bureau, unable--may be due to schedule change.

CPO: Re Juvenile Hall--the decertification has been lifted. Fire safety doors now installed. CYA approval pending. Contacted the Public Defender's office re picnic at Log Cabin Ranch. Public Defender indicated a Friday afternoon would be best and should include staff only. Suggested commissioners might like to join in. Recapped statistics for the months of March, April and May for Juvenile Hall. Decrease in detainees and status offenders. Anticipate continuing downward trend. Log Cabin population continuing to rise. CYA commitments normally high in March. Average 120 youths a year to CYA. Asked Mr. Hogg, Acting Director of Juvenile Hall during Mr. Foote's absence, to talk about the summer school program. Proposition 13 cuts to school department phased out the summer school. Mr. Foote organized our own summer school. One counselor is the principal and others, who have credentials, will teach. Mr. Foote discovered that the first school for wayward boys was on the USS Jamestown docked in the San Francisco Bay, therefore our summer school is named the USS Jamestown. The Navy was contacted and they presented us with a picture of the ship and a page of a log. These two items passed to commission. The program is good for youth. Volunteer Auxiliary is furnishing supplies, personnel and services. In response to Commissioner Grandin, youth may get credit for classes as the teachers have credentials. Commissioner Laws asked about publicity. Press conference was arranged. No response. Commissioner Laws suggested the chairman contact the press. Statement should be made to Juvenile Hall staff by commission commending their effort. Took possession of Log Cabin Ranch auto shop on June 15. Never did get fommal release from school department. Had to force issue. Jim Licavoli excited about developing new program. Have a couple of teachers. If we set up curriculum, the school department will help us see that youth get credit for time in auto shop. San Francisco Boys Home will be on agenda of MCJC requesting approval for LEAA grant for start-up money to develop Transition House. Target date is March 1, 1980. Will keep commission informed. Mike Marovich, who is developing project, just appointed to succeed Peter Armstrong as Executive Director. Mr. Hogg reported on the tennis program at Juvenile Hall. Program began last week. Tennis League sending teachers four days a week. Partcipation is successful. Tennis League staff asked to act as role models and doing so very satisfactorily by showing up on time and setting example for youth. Retirement dinner honoring Referee Marjorie Childs will be held Thursday, July 19, at the Holiday Inn, Union Square, $15 per person. Sponsored by the Queen's Bench. Announcement will be mailed to each commissioner. Probation

department involved in program with San Quentin. These coming three weekends youth will be going to San Quentin to talk to inmates. Very good program. Youth go three times for counseling as opposed to one session with scare tactics as in Scared Straight. Volunteer Auxiliary has purchased the film "Squires of San Quentin" and arrangements can be made for showing. At the request of chairman, commissioners voted to show at earliest meeting. Chief Botka responded to Commissioner Grandin query re Dr. Goldman leaving Health Department advising that commitment is from Dr. Silverman. Commissioner Laws advised that another film, Tattoo Tears, is available. Supposed to be very effective, more counseling and informal rather than scare tactics. Commissioner Cayton saw film, negative feeling, depends who sees it, doesn't apply to youth here.

CHAIRMAN: Revels Cayton reappointed to four-year term. Invited Mrs. Ansperger, Chairman of Fresno Juvenile Justice Commission to appear before the commission in August or September to give her views on IJA-ABA Standards. Reminded commissioners that the annual workshop will be held September 12 in Commissioner Ballou's home. Begins at 4 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Meeting notice will confirm time. Will send letter of sympathy to Robert Foote and family on behalf of commission. Individual cards will be appreciated. Passed out copies of article from Washington Post entitled "Abusing Troubled Children."

PROBATION SERVICES COMMITTEE: Chairman Laws met with Commissioner Grandin informally and learned a great deal about structure of court. Will be meeting with rest of committee, probably after workshop. Chairman Webb indicated she had some suggestions for committee which Chairman Laws welcomed.

VOLUNTEER AUXILIARY: Mrs. Coyne reported they received a generous grant from the Stulsaft Foundation which will ensure continuation of the summer school program. They have been involved in the Squires program, job training and have purchased the film. Received $2,000 from the Sandy Foundation. Allowed to use funds for status offenders now whereas in past funds were for use with neglected, abandoned and abused children. Extending services to Rafiki Masaada by providing clothing, magazines, etc. Providing Log Cabin Ranch with $300 a month to broaden ranch program and off-ranch activities. Purchasing more current movies that will be appealing to youth. Increased night recreational program budget to help expand. Applying for grants in the fall. Talked to Theatre of Man for mime program. Hope to get art program going with Miranda Bergman, artist, who assisted detainees in painting their doors. Annual lunch very successful, pleased to have Commissioner Maldonado representing commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Wada reported receiving complaints from youth on probation who have to report to probation officer once a week. Interviews occur during working hours and youth want to get paid while there. Can something be arranged to avoid conflicts? Warren Cain responded affirmatively.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MINUTES OF AUGUST 2, 1979 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Webb at 12:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Webb, Grandin, Ballou, Cayton, Costello, Figone, Gordon, Laws, Maldonado, Marovich. Excused: Caesar, Smith, Wada, Mayberry, Salerno. Staff: Drewes, Botka, Cain, Bailey, Lathrop. Guests: Gregory Bonfilio, Public Defender's Office, Juvenile Division; Joan Coyne, Volunteer Auxiliary.

Minutes of July 5, 1979 approved as submitted.

JUDGE'S CORNER:

The Judge announced that a few weeks ago McAuley Clinic of St. Mary's Hospital, with whom the City has a contract for examination, observation and treatment of minors who appear to be mentally ill, has cut back its available beds from 29 to 20 due to Proposition 13. Since the cutback, Dr. Grieneeks has reported an over use of the available facilities here for psychological testing and psychiatric evaluations. Expect to meet with Dr. Grieneeks and the referees re this matter. By my request, I have been relieved of presiding in the psychiatric court Thursday afternoons. Judge Benson is now presiding. Looking into ways to broaden the recreational programs at Log Cabin. Discussed the possibility of stocking the lake with trout and bass. The tennis program has been reactivated and a search is underway for volunteer tennis instructors. Mr. Botka and I have met with Barbara Rosenthal, of the Tennis Foundation, re funding.

Chairman Webb introduced the new Commissioners: Michael Marovich and Patricia Costello.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Confirmation from Esther Ansperger, Chairman of the Fresno County Juvenile Justice Commission to address her commission's opposition to sections of the IJA-ABA Standards. She will appear at the September meeting. In the matter of the use of the county jail #6 for confinement of minors, Sheriff Brown responded to the chairman's inquiry advising of an alternative. No time table was indicated. Questionnaire concerning SB40 referred to the legislative committee. The bill affects youth who would automatically be charged as an adult for certain offenses. Investigation would be conducted by the adult probation department, then referred to a judge to determine referral to juvenile court. Legislative Pipeline News Letter referred to the legislative committee. Notice from city attorney regarding public meeting laws and review of the Brown Act and Charter section 3.500. The chairman noted that no action is necessary. Copies will be mailed to each commissioner for informational purpose. The state juvenile justice and delinquency prevention commission is requesting participation in the State Housing Conference on children and youth to be held next spring in Sacramento. The conference will

focus on this years activity and goals for the International Year of the Child. The chairman invited Cleo Rand, one of the local catalysts, to address the commission today to determine participation of this commission. Mr. Rand is with the Young Community Developers in Hunters Point. At the request of Commissioner Laws, the chairman will extend an invitation to Lillian Johnson, who is also a local catalyst, to address the October meeting. Conference calls: Building the Interagency Consortium, November 14 - 16, in San Jose and Health Care for Youth in Juvenile Court Institutions, September 1 - 2, U.C. Berkeley. July 13 - 27 issues of the CYA Staff News. Minutes of the delinquency probation coordinator council and delinquency prevention commission filed. July - August issues of San Francisco Business.

REPORTS:

Chairman Webb announced that in the absence of Cleo Rand we would proceed with a report from Gregory Bonfilio, public defender's office. Mr. Bonfilio indicated that he had no report but was here to share some concerns he had regarding the non-secure detention facilities known as C-2 Boys Center and C-3 Girls Center. He had asked to be placed on the agenda because of certain conditions brought to his attention by probation officers, members of the psychiatric clinic and from 601s placed in these units. The conditions are more stringent than those in B-5. He also remarked that we have dependents of the court (300s) in these units and that these youth are not supposed to be mingled with 601s and 602s. He said that these were children who were beyond the control of agencies such as Eddy Street and Charila. He stated that Section 654 of the Welfare and Institutions Code allows probation to run a crisis resolution home or contract it out. M/S/C to refer matter to the Juvenile Court Committee. Commissioner Grandin abstained. Commissioner Grandin asked Mr. Botka the results of his discussion with Mr. Bonfilio concerning runaways and AB 958. Mr. Botka said we would not be setting up a new cottage for these individuals since a three month study indicated we had very few cases of runaways requiring a hold.

CPO: Mr. Botka reviewed statistics for the months of April, May and June for Juvenile Hall, Log Cabin Ranch and the CYA. Juvenile Hall admissions increased but youth were being moved out more quickly. Status offender admissions remained about the same for the three-month period but that boy admissions had dropped while the girl admissions rose sharply. Log Cabin Ranch has full capacity. CYA referrals are down. 10% Budget cut has not resulted in layoffs due to vacated positions and retirements. The budget has a 5% cut this year. Three temporary probation officers will be terminated. We have approximately 58 probation officer positions with money for 50 positions. Seniority prevails in layoffs. We have completed a three week-end program with the Squires of San Quentin. We are scheduled to go again next February due to the demand to participate in this program. On August 14 from 10 a.m. to 12:00 both the "Scared Straight" and "Squires of San Quentin" films will be shown at Mt. Zion Hospital. A panel discussion will follow. Commissioner Grandin asked whether any statistics were being kept on youth participating in the program. Mr. Botka indicated that it was not being done but was a good idea and would report on the program at the next meeting. Commissioner Marovich said the Squires was a very worthwhile program and much better than the Rahway program. He felt it had a very significant impact on the youth. Mr. Botka reported that Mr. Foote and his staff have put together a program for the auto shop at Log Cabin and a copy of the proposed program is included in each commissioner's folder. Will welcome participation to monitor the program by a member of the commission and left selection to the

chairman. The School Impact Program should be operative this September. Meetings will be arranged between probation staff and the four area school superintendents. Welcome commission participation and asked the chairman to advise. Youth for Service request for participation in their work program. We would refer the youth and they will provide supervision to monitor the work. This will provide us with another work restitution resource. The Denver Juvenile Court in conjunction with the Denver Red Cross chapter has developed a new program called New Pride to serve the serious offenders. The serious offenders create the greatest amount of work; are repeaters and the most disadvantaged. A field trip for the public defenders office and district attorneys office will be held August 10, at the Log Cabin Ranch. Commissioners are also invited.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Webb announced that Commissioner Wada's mother passed away last Saturday and the service was held yesterday. The appropriate sympathy card will be sent on behalf of the commission. A letter of appreciation for service was sent to Msgr. Armstrong. An invitation was included to attend the annual workshop in September. He telephoned to thank us and advise that he was unable to join us on September 12. The chairman thanked Commissioners Ballou and Maldonado for their assistance in drafting a certificate of appreciation for service to be presented at a more convenient time. Commissioner Marovich has also offered his assistance. Notice of the workshop will be mailed to each commissioner.

INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE: Chairman Figone, reported the committee toured juvenile hall and met with Mr. Foote and staff. The committee is impressed with the staff and their involvement in running the hall. The kitchen operation and staff were also impressive. Need to explore culinary art instruction for the youth. The kitchen is very clean and neat. Food costs major problem. Mr. Foote has taken a very strong leadership position in obtaining training for his counselors and maintaining an ongoing program. The security system is impressive. Staff indicated to committee their appreciation of the assistance given by the Volunteer Auxiliary in time and money. Commissioner Figone visited Log Cabin Ranch along with Mr. Fred Whisman, Executive Officer of the Superior Court. The visit proved very educational. Mr. Licavoli is doing a great job. The atmosphere, general behavior and attitude at the ranch is good. The committee recommends 1. Determine whether department of public works can install partitions in boys restroom for privacy; girls restrooms have this. 2. Arrangements should be made with janitorial staff to remove graffiti in restrooms. 3. Probation staff and counseling staff should coordinate handling of youth detainment and placement. 4. That every commissioner tour the ranch and juvenile hall. Personal experience is very valuable and enables you to speak on conditions with firsthand knowledge. Chairman Webb commended Commissioner Figone on a job well done.

DPC LIAISON: Commissioner Grandin reported that the delinquency prevention coordination council is sponsoring a city-wide evaluation of all needs of children and youth. All City agencies as well as community agencies and groups are being contacted and asked to fill out a questionnaire. Copy of same hand delivered to chairman. Chairman Webb said she would talk to the DPC chairman and report back to the commission. The council is interested in restoring the original function

of the SFPD Juvenile Bureau. At present the bureau is limited in staff, officers untrained in juvenile work and the department responsibility not limited to juvenile work. Chairman Webb asked for a more complete report in a future meeting. Commissioner Grandin said she was unable to accept any additional commission work at this time.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 6, 1979 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Webb at 12:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Webb, Grandin, Smith, Ballou, Figone, Maldonado, Marovich. Excused: Caesar, Cayton, Costello, Gordon, Laws, Mayberry, Salerno, Wada. Staff: Drewes, Botka, Cain, Bailey. Guests: Esther Asperger, Chairman Fresno County Juvenile Justice Commission; Joan Coyne, Volunteer Auxiliary; Laura Grieneeks, Psychiatric Clinic; Rosalie Stern, attorney.

Minutes of August 2, 1979 approved as submitted.

Chairman Webb introduced Rosalie Stern, an attorney, who came to observe the proceedings and get acquainted with the commission.

JUDGE'S CORNER:

Judge Drewes had intended to describe in detail Project New Pride. He limited his presentation to a few remarks due to absenteeism. LEAA is soliciting proposals for the San Francisco project to rehabilitate the serious offender. New Pride was developed by the Red Cross in Denver, Colorado. A meeting was held a few weeks ago with the local Red Cross, representatives of minority groups and court staff. The Red Cross and Youth For Service will submit proposals. Proposal deadline is September 30, 1979. Grantee subject to approval of the Mayor's Criminal Justice Council, the juvenile court judge, chief probation officer, district attorney and the public defender. Mr. Botka stated that he, the MCJC and the school district were urging the Red Cross and Youth or Service to work together and submit a unified proposal. We have a better chance to obtain the grant on this basis.

COMMUNICATIONS:

August 7 and 21 minutes of Delinquency Prevention Commission. August 31 issue of CYA Staff News. San Francisco State University workshop on social work for health care September 5 to December 19. Great Basin Youth Services brochure. Notice from Health Care Coalition regarding proposed cutbacks in community minimal health services. Legislative Pipe Line from Office of Child Abuse Prevention. San Francisco State University's new service directory for families, children and youth in San Francisco. San Francisco Magazine September issue. U.C. Berkeley Extension's fall catalog. Invitation to the Delinquency Prevention Commission's open house, September 12. Thank you cards from Commissioner Wada and his family.

REPORTS:

Chairman Webb introduced special guest, Esther Asperger, Chairman of the Fresno County Juvenile Justice Commission.

Chairman Asperger was invited to address the commission on the statewide opposition to the IJA-ABA Standards. Mrs. Asperger said it was a pleasure to be here and conveyed warm greetings from Fresno Cheif, Jim Rowland, to Chief Botka and Commissioner Wada. She presented the commission with the goals and objectives of the Fresno Commission, including a letter copy from Judge Cattle, member of the ABA Judges Special Court Committee. She provided the background on how Fresno County became involved, why they were opposing the Standards and suggestions for our continued support. She attended a conference in Washington, D.C., called to inform the public representing different segments of the system. During the conference she learned that one judge, a member of the drafting committee was unable to get a copy of the draft until after approval of the executive committee. He was unable to register dissent. The volumes either contained a "secretarial" account by an individual committee reporter or the reporter's own philosophy regarding the issue. For example, a Stanford professor assigned as a reporter on the Abuse Volume stated that California tries to treat too many abused and neglected children and thinks we should treat fewer children and do a better job. The restrictions in this volume are so narrow that a child would be near death before help could be given. Unfortunately, these Standards were enacted by the State of Washington legislature prematurely. Professor Junker of the Sanction Committee felt the children should be able to do exactly what they wanted to do; anything not permissable for an adult should not be permissable for a child. He feels that consensual sex, gambling, alcohol and such are okay for juveniles. When the group questioned his opinion with opposition, he walked out. Another volume dealing with the juvenile court destroys the concept of the court as we know it. Discretion of the police including the judiciary is extremely limited. Individual treatment of cases would be substituted with a matrix system. Judges would be given only the age, the crime and previous record. No social history is allowed; no availability of parents if the child is released, etc. It attempts to bring adult philosophy into the juvenile system. It limits jurisdiction of courts to very serious offenses. Standards greatly digress: they allow juveniles to use alcohol, gamble, engage in consensual sex and the right to refuse treatment. Maximum confinement is two years regardless of the offense with no provision for enhancements, no protection for society. There is an unwaivable right to an attorney beginning at the intake level and continuing throughout the process which would increase costs considerably. They would limit bed space in juvenile halls to 12-20. They would give juveniles in detention the right to individual privacy with the option to change their minds as to how much privacy they desire and when, and the right to unmonitored use of the telephone from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The Volume also states that probation and court administrators should be part of the executive branch. Mrs. Asperger feels that the further away we move from the local level, service becomes less adequate and more costly. The Volume stipulates that the chief probation officers should be hired by the City Council and/or Board of Supervisors. Allegedly there were three or four house delegates who voted against the Standards, but later learned that it was a split vote. The Volumes have been referred back to the Standards Project Committee for review to be resubmitted in February 1980. She suggested that the commission

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Chairman Reed introduced Special Agent, Kathie Dunnigan, Chairman of the Fresno County Juvenile Justice Commission.

Chairman Agajanian was unsure to address the recommendation on the Juvenile Detention. The Chairman would like a report on the Juvenile Detention Facility and advised more questions from Board Members can be brought up at that time.

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establish personal contact with the house delegates and maintain a close watch on the legislature to prevent enactment into law. The National Councilof Juvenile and Family Court Judges can provide excellent information on the Standards.

CPO: Submitted statistical report for July including a summary report for January through June. Population and CYA commitments were up. Long term detention increasing the costs. Budget cuts call for staff reductions. Three temporary probation officers have been laid off. Nine permanent positions and five CETA positions will be affected. The chairman asked for an approximate number of cases per probation officer and the disposition of an increased caseload. Mr. Cain said that the caseload average is now 45-58 per probation officer and that the supervision load would suffer because intake must be covered. Commissioner Figone expressed concern for the school-court liaison program with loss of staff. Mr. Botka stated that plans are being made to integrate the program into the cutback. He asked Judge Drewes to give him a legal opinion on closing juvenile court schools when deemed necessary to accommodate contingencies. Mr. Botka informed the commission that copies of the 1978-79 grand jury reports are in the commissioners' folders. He will be on vacation from September 12 to October 15, and Mr. Cain will be acting chief. Judge Drewes advised that he will also be on vacation during the same period.

Chairman: Chairman Webb named Commissioner Marovich to the legislative committee, Commissioner Costello, institutions committee and noted that Commissioner Salerno has changed from the legislative to the juvenile court committee; M/S/C to approve the appointments. She advised the commissioners that Commissioner Grandin has resigned as liaison to the delinquency prevention commission and as alternate to the delinquency prevention coordinating council. The coordinating council meets at 9:30 a.m. on the same day the commission meets. A liaison and alternate replacement is deferred at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Grandin added to her report made at the last meeting, advising that the delinquency prevention coordinating council members are advocating restoration of the SFPD juvenile bureau and whether this wasn't something we should support. Chairman advised that no action can be taken due to the pending November elections. The new Mayor will appoint a police chief in January.

NEW BUSINESS:

The commissioners expressed sadness at the untimely death of Commissioner Salerno's daughter. Commissioner Ballou M/S/C to contribute to the Catina Rose Salerno Memorial Fund at Mercy High School.

Chairman Webb thanked Esther Asperger for taking time to come to the City and present an interesting and informative overview of the opposition to the Standards.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Catina Rose Salerno at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yori Wada, Secretary
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MINUTES OF OCTOBER 4, 1979 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Pro Tem Gordon at 12:50 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Smith, Ballou, Costello, Gordon, Laws, Marovich. Excused: Caesar, Grandin, Maldonado, Mayberry, Wada, Webb. Absent: Cayton, Figone, Salerno. Staff: Cain, Foote, Licavoli. Guests: Laura Grieneeks, Psychiatric Clinic; Ellen Lyons, Youth Chance Program.

Minutes of September 6, 1979 approved as submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Two resolutions regarding IJA-ABA Standards on Juvenile Justice from Esther Asperger of the Fresno County Juvenile Justice Commission; referred to Legislative Committee. Summary report of activities of the State Advisory Group on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for fiscal year 1978-79; referred to Legislative Committee. October issue of San Francisco Business Magazine. May-June issue of CYA Reach Out. September 14 and 21 issues of CYA Staff News. September 18 minutes of Delinquency Prevention Commission. September 6 minutes of Delinquency Prevention Coordination Council. September 20 memo from Delinquency Prevention Coordination Council calling off Candidates' Night on Thursday, October 18. Invitation to reception September 27 from Sexual Minority Youth Services Coalition. Invitation to birthday celebration September 15 for Supervisor John Molinari.

Commissioner Gordon introduced guest Ellen Lyons of the Youth Chance Program.

REPORTS:

CPO: Acting Chief Probation Officer Warren Cain indicated that the Volunteer Auxiliary would be using the Airplane Room for the next two months for wrapping of Christmas gifts and asked that the commission meet in the Main Conference Room for November and December meetings. Mr. Cain reported that just before the September 30 deadline, many of the Court's CETA workers were given a three-month extension (December 31, 1979).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A date for the workshop has been selected: Wednesday, November 7, 5 to 7 p.m. Dinner will be at 7 p.m. Commissioner Gordon will speak to Chairman Webb concerning agenda. Commissioner Laws suggested an item for the workshop: Would like to get direction from Judge Drewes as to function this commission will perform and what type of support can be given to him by commission.

In the matter of the Catina Salerno Memorial Fund, the commission completed arrangements to transmit a gift of $100.

Commissioner Laws asked if Mr. Botka had given a report to the commission concerning Mr. Bonfilio's statements at the August meeting. Mr. Cain indicated that a written report had been submitted to the Judge. Commissioner Laws stated that she would like to receive a copy of it. Other commissioners indicated same and Commissioner Marovich suggested it be mailed to all commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Ballou indicated that after visiting Log Cabin Ranch and seeing the auto shop she intends to talk to Shell Oil Company about possible assistance in bringing it up to date. She stated that she would like to bring someone down to the Ranch to tour the facility and determine what is needed. Mr. Licavoli indicated his cooperation and asked Commissioner Ballou to let him know when she intended to come down.

Commissioner Marovich asked Mr. Cain if there had been an increase in admissions and intake due to the schools being closed. Mr. Cain reported that we were getting more referrals but it had nothing to do with the school situation. We generally have more intake when school is in session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

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MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2, 1979 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Pro Tem Smith at 12:50 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Smith, Ballou, Costello, Gordon, Grandin, Laws, Mayberry, Salarno. Excused: Caesar, Figone, Wada, Webb. Absent: Cayton, Maldonado, Marovich. Staff: Drewes, Botka, Cain, Bailey. Guests: Lillian Johnson, Assistant Director, San Francisco Department of Social Services, Family and Children Services Division.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

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GUEST SPEAKER:

Chairman Smith introduced Lillian Johnson from the Family and Children Services Division of the Department of Social Services, who was invited to speak to the commission about the Statehouse Conference on Children and Youth.

Ms. Johnson informed the commission that she is a local catalyst to the Statehouse Conference on Children and Youth, which will be held in Sacramento in April 1980. Currently, her group is in the process of collecting data on what the needs of San Francisco are in the way of human services for children, youth and families. There has been a good response from the various community groups. There will be ten delegates with voting power from each legislative district attending the conference. However, we can send as many individuals as we like, and they will be involved in workshops, panels, etc. It is hoped that as many youth as possible will be delegates to the conference. Ms. Johnson explained that the needs of Southern California are very different from San Francisco and the Bay Area. We are more service oriented while they are more concerned with fiscal constraints and they are not geared to the development of creative human services. Although they will have a larger number of

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Chairman Smith thanked Ms. Johnson for taking time from her busy schedule to speak to the commission.

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CPO: Mr. Botka reviewed the statistics for the month of September and noted that the ranch's population is down, which is consistent with this time of year. Commissioner Grandin asked whether a system had ever been developed re smooth re-entry into the school system from the ranch program. Mr. Botka indicated that he would have to check and report back. A meeting with the high school principals will take place on November 5 to discuss the probation-school impact program. An outline of the program was distributed and Mr. Botka reported that they were gaining momentum now that the school strike is over. Mr. Botka informed the commission that since the Sheriff was not able to bring the county jail up to standards, the CYA decertified it for the detention of minors. He has been working with the Sheriff on a solution, and there has been discussion around constructing a separate facility for juveniles adjacent to the San Bruno jail. The Sheriff's Department would provide the monies for construction and the Juvenile Court would operate the facility. Mrs. Bailey remarked that holding juveniles awaiting adult court is potentially dangerous for staff, other detainees and the public. When it has been determined that a juvenile will be turned over to adult court, it is not our responsibility to house him. Our most secure cottage with the most professional staff is B5, but it is not a jail. Currently the setup is individual programming with a weekly review by the Director of Juvenile Hall. Emphasis is on reducing contact with other detainees and increasing contact with staff. The cottage has a maximum population of 25; present count is 22. Mr. Cain questioned the decertification of the county jail. Previous inspections resulted in certification and now suddenly it is no longer acceptable. This has happened in Santa Clara, San Mateo and Alameda Counties as well. Commissioner Grandin remarked that the violations in the county jail seemed rather petty and easily corrected and wondered why the Sheriff hadn't been able to do anything about them. Mr. Botka asked Commissioner Ballou to report on her visit to the ranch auto shop with the Shell Oil Company. Commissioner Ballou indicated that the representative from Shell was very enthused and impressed by Mr. Licavoli and his staff's clean up and organization of the shop. Inventory was taken and items required to bring the shop up to par noted. Under Shell's Automotive Professional Training Program (APT), which is recognized nationally, youth would be certified in four areas, receive pins and be given a graduation dinner. Training would also be given to teaching staff. Unfortunately, youth cannot be guaranteed jobs since the service stations are now owned by independent operators. Shell's decision should be forthcoming shortly. Mr. Botka expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Ballou for her efforts in this area. Mr. Botka reported that he is monitoring the budget very closely and that he wrote a letter to the Mayor alerting her to the fact that if the count in Juvenile Hall goes up, additional staff and the money for salaries will be needed. He will keep the commission advised on the status of the budget.

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MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 1979 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Webb at 12:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Webb, Wada, Smith, Ballou, Costello, Figone, Grandin, Laws, Salarno. Excused: Caesar, Cayton, Gordon, Marovich, Mayberry. Staff: Drewes, Botka, Cain, Foote. Guests: Dr. Laura Grieneeks, Psychiatric Clinic; Rev. Lilton Powell, Jr., St. James Baptist Church; Rev. Michael S. Williams, Youth Pastor, Third Baptist Church; Margaret Brodkin, Executive Director, Coleman Children & Youth Services; Kathy Baxter, Child Abuse Council.

Minutes of November 1, 1979 approved as submitted.

Chairman Webb introduced guests in attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter of October 31, 1979, from Executive Officer of Superior Court requesting that commission notices and minutes be sent to Judge Robert W. Merrill, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court. Letter of November 6, 1979, to Pearl West, CYA, from Jeanne Bailey requesting reconsideration of the decertification of county jail. Letter of November 6, 1979 to Chairpersons of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission from State Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission forwarding information about federal youth service appropriations. Letter of November 8, 1979 to Commissioner Figone from Joseph Botka responding to request for information on stabbing incident. Letter of November 9, 1979, from State Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission forwarding copy of Youth Authority Legislative Status Report for 1979-80 session. Letter of November 9, 1979, to Chairman Webb from Joseph Botka re current developments in detention facilities for youth in county jail. Letter of November 12, 1979, to Chairman Webb from Jean Jacobs, Planned Parenthood, requesting letter of support for a program to reduce the number of unwanted teen pregnancies through increased awareness of contraceptives. Copy of Ordinance 562-79 from Board of Supervisors re use of City-owned, leased or rented vehicles. Letter of November 26, 1979, to Commissioner Ballou from James Licavoli thanking her and the commission for support in obtaining Shell's APT program in the ranch auto shop. Notice of Delinquency Prevention Coordination Council meeting on December 6, 1979. Letter of November 29, 1979, from CYA forwarding Request for Concept Papers for 1980-81 delinquency prevention funds. Notice from District I Community Advisory Board Mission Mental Health Center re election for new board members on January 26, 1980. Letter of Deeember 4, 1979, to Edwin Sarsfield, DSS, from Joseph Botka re CES teams and proposed move to Andrew Jackson School. November 1, 1979 minutes of Delinquency Prevention Coordination Council. November 20, 1979 minutes of Delinquency

Prevention Commission. CYA Staff News, November 16 and 23, 1979 issues. October 1979 Legislative Pipeline from Office of Child Abuse Prevention. Fall issue of Youth Authority Quarterly. November and December 1979 issues of San Francisco Business Magazine. Notice of reappointment of Commissioner Webb to four-year term.

Chairman Webb announced that she had received a letter from Margaret Brodkin, Executive Director of Coleman Children & Youth Services, requesting time to address the commission on the subject of CES teams. She spoke with Ms. Brodkin and indicated that there would not be time on today's agenda. Chairman Webb pointed out that in the CPO's written report the CES teams are discussed in item three. Since Ms. Brodkin appear the commission agreed to let her speak. Ms. Brodkin distributed a letter she had written to Mr. Botka regarding Coleman's position regarding the CES teams. Coleman is in favor of DSS moving the teams to Andrew Jackson School because the location will be less threatening and less stigmatizing than YGC. Coleman feels that the agency controlling the dependent children, DSS, should provide the service. Although there are no time constraints, DSS would like to make this move in January. Mr. Botka pointed out that the probation department does not have the right to make this move and that the city attorney concurs. He indicated that until the legal question is cleared, the probation department would establish a liaison relationship with DSS by providing a team at the school. Judge Drewes indicated that there is a lot of controversary about placing all dependent children into one school. He also stated that there had been many meetings on this subject and it couldn't possibly be resolved at this meeting and we should move on. Chairman Webb indicated that due to the legality of removing the jurisdiction from the court and the fact that there are no definite time constraints, the matter would be referred to the probation services committee for study and recommendation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Smith reported that the nominating committee nominates Commissioner Gordon for vice chairman. Commissioner Grandin indicated that Commissioner Gordon should be asked if other commitments would present a problem in his arriving on time since he would be responsible for chairing the meeting in the absence of the chairman. M/S/C to close nominations. Commissioner Smith also reported on the status of the commission's treasury.

Commissioner Wada asked what the probation department's response was to the sheriff's proposal to build a facility at San Bruno jail for juveniles awaiting trial as adults. Mr. Botka indicated that the judge and staff met with the sheriff's department and that there is talk about getting legislation passed to place juveniles with adults since they will be tried as adults. Commissioner Wada stated that he was against housing juveniles with or near adults. Judge Drewes said that the court has decided that juveniles falling into this category were not amenable to juvenile court and that they had been through everything--probation, ranch, CYA. He indicated that he has drafted an order that the sheriff must take responsibility for these juveniles or be cited for contempt of court. Other than that, the only other choice seems to be getting legislation passed to allow housing juveniles in adult jail. Mr. Botka commented that a new law states that if a child commits certain types of offenses the district attorney must petition to adult court unless we can prove the child amenable to our jurisdiction. Judge Drewes indicated that he

gets a least one referral a day from the district attorney. Chairman Webb stated that she had met with Sheriff Brown and toured County Jail #6 and also sought to tour San Bruno to determine availability as an alternate.

Commissioner Laws asked what action had been taken regarding a liaison to the Delinquency Prevention Commission and Delinquency Prevention Coordination Council. Chairman Webb indicated that she had not named an alternate pending a commissioner's availability. She asked Commissioner Laws if she would be able to serve. Commissioner Laws said she could not.

Commissioner Ballou reported that she received a nice thank you letter from James Licavoli, who indicated that the two staff persons are starting their training with Shell this week and that upon completion they will be able to certify boys enrolled in the program. Chairman Webb congratulated Commissioner Ballou for bringing Shell to the ranch auto shop.

Commissioner Salarno congratulated Chairman Webb on her reappointment to a four-year term.

Commissioner Grandin thanked Commissioner Ballou for hosting the dinner following the commission workshop last month.

M/S/C to adjourn to executive session at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 1980 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Webb at 12:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Webb, Wada, Smith, Cayton, Costello, Figone, Grandin, Laws, Marovich, Mayberry. Excused: Ballou. Absent: Caesar, Gordon, Salarno. Staff: Benson, Botka, Bailey, Spillane. Guests: Joan Coyne, Volunteer Auxiliary; Sarah Lacenby, Social Worker from England.

Minutes of December 6, 1979 approved as submitted.

Chairman Webb introduced Sarah Lacenby. Ms. Lacenby indicated that she is pursuing social work education and is particularly interested in children's rights. She is associated with an organization, Voice of the Child, and is touring the United States. She is finding that our juvenile courts are very different from England's in that we have more control over children. She is also noting the differences in the various jurisdictions.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Invitation to swearing in of Michael Hennessey as Sheriff, January 8, 9 a.m., State Building and reception at 5 p.m., Veterans' War Memorial Building. Notice of 3rd annual conference of the "Network of Services for Families, Children and Youth" at SF State University, January 16. December 18, 1979 minutes of the Delinquency Prevention Commission. Notice of workshop on overcoming sex discrimination in vocational education sponsored by Equal Rights Advocates and the YWCA, December 18, 1979. November-December issue of CYA Reach Out. Letter of December 19, 1979 from CYA approving Juvenile Hall for confinement of minors. Letter of December 19, 1979 from CYA approving Log Cabin Ranch for confinement of minors. November 30 and December 14, 1979 issues of CYA Staff News. Meeting notice for January 3 and minutes of December 6 of the Delinquency Prevention Coordination Council. Memorandum of December 11, 1979 from Human Rights Commission re establishment of Contract Compliance Office and Dispute Resolution Office. Letter of November 23, 1979 from CYA forwarding copy of SB 618, review of pornographic material by delinquency prevention commission. Copy to be sent to chairman of legislative committee.

Chairman Webb introduced Hon. John E. Benson, new presiding judge of the juvenile court.

JUDGE'S CORNER:

Judge Benson gave a brief sketch of himself and related his reasons for coming to juvenile court. He indicated that at the February meeting he would

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like the commission to tell him how it feels about its responsibilities, what the commission is supposed to do, what it does and what it should do. The Judge indicated that the commission is a very important part of the system and wants to work together.

REPORTS:

CPO: Mr. Botka extended his wishes for a happy new year to the commission. He discussed the statistics for the month of November and reported that Log Cabin has a few open beds that will be filled by recontracting with Merced County, which will bring some revenue to the City. He reported that the department is operating in the black but projections are that by the final payroll period of this fiscal year the budget will be in the red. He has discussed the situation with the Mayor's office, which insists that the department is within the budget. Because the salaries account will be short by approximately $82,000, a request is being made to transfer excess funds in the fringe benefits account to cover salaries. DSS will be picking up the cost of two probation officers who work with dependent children. Should an impasse be reached with the Mayor's office concerning the status of the budget, Mr. Botka will request a meeting with the Mayor and would like to have a representative of the commission in attendance. Efforts are being made to make the EDP system more reliable. Two individuals from Controller's EDP will be working with staff to provide a smoother operation with less down time. Shirley MacIsaac, a supervising probation officer, has been placed in charge of the system. A community service program has been established with the Recreation and Park Department and the Department of Public Works wherein the Court can order youth to put in hours of public service. Hopefully, probation coupled with public service will have a real impact on youth involved. The San Francisco Boys' Home has advised that S. H. Cowell Foundation is considering assisting them in making a downpayment for a facility for the Transition Home. Commissioner Marovich said that an appropriate location is being sought and it will be a major hurdle. In reporting on the 707 situation at Juvenile Hall, Mr. Botka indicated that there had been an escape this date. He plans to communicate with the new Sheriff. A decision has to be made and money provided to house the 707s in the county jail or Juvenile Hall. He indicated that he would like support from the commission in terms of a representative to help resolve the problem.

Chairman: With respect to the Court budget, Chairman Webb referred to a proposal made at the workshop that a finance committee be reinstituted and that the chairman be impowered to appoint three members to the committee. Such appointments were held in abeyance pending the outcome of the December elections. She will be in touch with prospective members and notify all commissioners by mail prior to the February meeting. Chairman Webb requested that Commissioners Ballou and Smith bring a recommendation to the February meeting re a token of appreciation for Commissioner Lou Maldonado, who resigned November 1, 1979. Commissioner Grandin inquired about the status of the plaque for Commissioner Armstrong. The chairman will invite Police Chief Murphy to appear before the commission. In keeping with Judge Benson's request regarding a discussion at the February meeting, and items discussed at the workshop, Chairman Webb proposed that the February meeting consist of one hour or less for business and the remainder of the meeting to be set aside for an executive session with the Judge. She asked each committee chairman to meet with his/her committee to determine their objectives and goals and be prepared to present same to Judge Benson in the February meeting. M/S/C to concur. The chairman discussed a letter

regarding the Andrew Jackson Dependent Children's Program and referred same to the probation services committee. The Board of Supervisors employee relations division has reviewed the proposal for a 32-hour work week for City employees. The commission has been asked for their input. She will discuss this with Mr. Botka and report back to the commission. Legal Services for Children letter copy directed to Langley Porter re the special needs of South East Asian children. Request from the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women for information re the commission to be included in a City-wide directory listing functions, meeting date and so forth on all City commissions. She wished everyone a happy new year which would be productive both personally and for the court. Commissioner Grandin asked if anything further developed with Sheriff Brown. Chairman Webb referred to the previous minutes wherein a report on her meeting with the sheriff was set forth. Due to the December elections no further meeting had occurred, however, Chief Botka had covered this matter in his report today and would be meeting with the new sheriff. Commissioners Laws inquired about the status of the legislative material directed to the commission from Fresno County Juvenile Justice Commission. Chairman reported that all communications and up-date has been referred to the legislative committee and she will ask the legislative chairman for a report.

NEW BUSINESS:

The chairman announced there would be a reception for Judge Benson in the cafeteria at 3 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting adjounred at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yori Wada, Secretary
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7, 1980 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Webb at 12:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Webb, Gordon, Wada, Smith, Ballou, Cayton, Costello, Figone, Grandin, Laws, Marovich, Salarno. Absent: Caesar, Mayberry. Staff: Benson, Botka, Foote. Guests: Dr. Laura Grieneeks, Psychiatric Clinic.

Minutes of January 3, 1980 approved as submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Minutes of January 15, 1980 of the Delinquency Prevention Commission. Letter of January 24, 1980 from the Public Defender to the Department of Social Services re placement of children on a timely basis. Memorandum of January 30, 1980 from Employee Relations Division of Board of Supervisors re election to participate in disability insurance program. Notice of February 7, 1980 meeting of the Delinquency Prevention Coordination Council. Copy of letter of January 31, 1980 to Judge Benson from chairman outlining agenda for February meeting. Copy of letter of February 4, 1980 to Commissioner Maldonado from chairman expressing regret over his recent resignation and acknowledging his many years of service on the commission. Copy of letter of February 4, 1980 to Chief of Police Murphy from chairman confirming his addressing the commission at the April meeting. Letter of February 4, 1980 to Judge Benson from Legal Services for Children re dependent children attending school. January 18, January 25 and February 1, 1980 issues of CYA Staff News. Invitation to benefit cocktail party for JACKIE on February 14 sponsored by Jean Jacobs and Valerie Coleman. Announcement of symposium, "Understanding the Angry, Antisocial Child," March 7-8, 1980, St. Mary's Hospital. Announcement of symposium, "Program Evaluation in Health and Human Services," February 23-24, 1980, University of California, San Francisco. November-December issue of Inside Westside, newsletter of Westside Community Mental Health Center and Community Advisory Board. Announcement of Statehouse Conference on Children and Youth, April 16-19, 1980, Sacramento.

JUDGE'S CORNER:

Judge Benson announced Commissioner Gordon's reappointment to a four-year term and the appointment of new Commissioner Lloyd Scott. Mr. Scott is very interested in the welfare of juveniles and active in a program to bring tennis to young people, possibly to YGC. Judge Benson said he had intended to bring new court Commissioner Nicholas Deriman to the meeting, however he was unable today. He plans to bring all three commissioners to a commission meeting at some future date. He commented on the situation brought about by the court

ruling in the case of Perrone C. The calendar is in good order with fewer challenges to hearings. He will handle all major criminal cases--murder, rape, arson and assault with a deadly weapon. Commissioners/Referees will handle 300's, 601's and some 602's. Mr. Bonfilio and Mr. Clifford met with him and indicated that to the extent that they can and where they mutually agree, they will take cases to the referees. Good recommendation and a very major and decisive spirit of cooperation. Advised that he, Mr. Botka and Mr. Foote met with Sheriff Hennessey and members of his staff re the problem of the decertified jail. They toured the 6th and 7th floors in the Hall of Justice. There is an area on the 6th floor that, with certain construction modifications might satisfy CYA standards. He will meet with a top official from the CYA next week to determine the feasibility of this proposed area. Meeting with the juvenile justice committee of the San Francisco Bar Association to discuss issues affecting work of the court and probation department. He also advised the commission of press coverage of Reynaldo G. hearing. There is a clear decision from the California Supreme Court that the press is an interested party. Controls will be exercised to protect the rights of the minor. There is legislation pending in Sacramento that will open up all juvenile court hearings.

Chairman Webb congratulated Commissioner Gordon on his reappointment to a four-year term.

REPORTS:

CPO: Mr. Botka informed the commission of the tragic death of Ann Billyard, senior statistician, on January 18. He reported on the Mayor's Criminal Justice Council's Committee on Jail Overcrowding which received a grant of approximately $300,000. Part of this grant concerns finding better and safer places for youth. The committee, feeling there is no place for youth in jail, failed to include this aspect in their study. Mr. Botka and Chairman Webb attended the meeting of the committee and advised that this was one of the bases for getting the grant in compliance with AB 3121. A sub-committee has been formed to review the problem. This committee will also meet with Mr. Foote regarding specialized training for couselors due to the high number of injuries experienced in dealing with difficult minors. He reviewed statistics for admissions and population in juvenile hall, status offender cottages and log cabin ranch. Commissioner Figone requested that staff investigate the correlation between the opening and closing of school and the number and type of petitions filed. Commissioner Wada asked why the commitment level to log cabin was down. Mr. Botka indicated that due to a number of serious offenses, there are more commitments to the CYA. He also stated that private placements were up and that it was due to a high number of foster home fallouts and the fact that we are getting more disturbed youth. Commissioner Salarno asked what was happening dollar-wise in these placements. Mr. Botka said the money doesn't come from ad valorem taxes but from the maintenance for minors fund. He reported that headway has been made in tying our warrants into the police department's computer and a much more efficient operation is now in effect. The EDP system is being revamped and a juvenile court information system is being established to include the computers, statistical reports for the Bureau of Criminal Statistics, record room and annual report. Budgets for the coming fiscal year are in the planning stage. We are requested to submit budgets at 90%, 92%, 95% and 99%.

Chairman: The chairman advised the commissioners that due to the resignation of Lou Maldonado who served on the probation services committee, Commissioner Marovich agreed to move from the legislative committee and will now serve as an important member of the probation services committee. M/S/C to concur.

Special Report: Dr. Laura Grieneeks, Director of the Psychiatric and Medical-Dental Clinics, distributed a memorandum to the commission outlining the health care budget for the youth guidance center. She indicated that if the medical clinic budget is reduced, 24-hour nursing coverage would no longer be provided. This round-the-clock nursing coverage is essential for the safety and well-being of the youth here and must be maintained. Basically, if the current budget is not reduced, her department can provide the necessary services here. She has been in close contact with the budget people in the Public Health Department and feels she has relayed the importance of maintaining the present budget. She told the commission how much she appreciated their support last year and asks for this support once again. Chairman Webb assured Dr. Grieneeks of the commission's continued support.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Grandin reminded the chairman that the By-laws Review Committee should be appointed at this meeting. Chaimman Webb named Commissioners Gordon and Laws to the committee. M/S/C to accept the By-laws Review Committee as named. Recommendations to be submitted in writing to commissioners by March 15 for approval in April.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m. in memory of Ann Billyard. An Executive Session with Judge Benson convened following the regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Yori Wada, Secretary
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF MARCH 6, 1980 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Webb at 12:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Webb, Gordon, Wada, Smith, Cayton, Costello, Figone, Grandin, Laws, Mayberry, Salarno, Scott. Excused: Ballou, Caesar, Marovich. Staff: Benson, Botka, Cain, Bailey. Guests: Joan Coyne, Volunteer Auxiliary.

Minutes of February 7, 1980 approved as submitted.

Chairman Webb welcomed new Commissioner Lloyd Scott and introduced fellow commissioners and others at the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

February 28 memo from Young Community Developers, Inc. to all City and County agencies requesting worksites for youth employed by the Mayor's Summer Youth Program. Referred to Chief Probation Officer. February 14 letter from the SF Statehouse Conference Fund requesting donation to assist in sending youth delegates to Statehouse Conference on Children and Youth in Sacramento, April 16-18, 1980. February 19 minutes of the Delinquency Prevention Commission. February 7 minutes of the Delinquency Prevention Coordination Council. January-February issue of CYA Reach Out. February 15 and 22 issues of CYA Staff News. February 21 memo from Board of Supervisors Employee Relations Division re disability insurance election. February 19 letter from Division Administrator of the Boys and Girls Center seeking moral support and assistance re negative statements from individuals and groups. M/S/C to refer to Institutions Committee for report back to commission. Judge Benson read response he sent to same letter. Copy of Judge's letter to be sent to Institutions Committee as well.

JUDGE'S CORNER:

Judge Benson informed the commission that he has reinstituted the Log Cabin Ranch School graduation. Any boy leaving Log Cabin comes back before the Judge, who goes over progress reports and tries to develop a personal rapport with him, giving encouragement, indicating how well he has done and providing direction where necessary. The Judge visited Log Cabin Ranch and enjoyed the experience tremendously. He feels the Ranch is a very positive institution with good staff and the boys are getting an excellent program. While there, he also had the opportunity to tour Hidden Valley Ranch, which he thought was a beautiful facility and unfortunate that it was not being utilized by the Court.

AB 2161, pending in Sacramento, urges the establishment of jury trials for juveniles in certain classifications, essentially those committed to more than six months confinement. He discussed the matter with the Superior Court Judges, who are unalterably opposed and have directed letters to our representative in Sacramento, the Senate and Assembly Judiciary Committees and legislators in our area. A particular area in the Hall of Justice the Judge had in mind for juvenile offenders has been rejected by the CYA because of audio and visual contact. He feels this is a tough stand in light of the fact that as a matter of custom and practice the CYA mixes adult and juvenile offenders in all of their institutions. He read an article that indicates the CYA is in violation of federal mandates and is in jeopardy of losing $5+ million because of the regular contact between adults and juveniles in detention. CYA's response is that they have complied in counties. The Judge has invited the CYA to inspect Area 19B, a completely separate area on the 6th floor, and specify what can be done to get certification to hold juveniles there. He has talked to the Mayor about the extremely severe problem in Juvenile Hall and she is aware of the situation and said we would have the support of her office in this matter. After finding a possible site on the 6th floor and arranging for the CYA to inspect it, the Judge learned that there is presently pending a proposed consent decree that will prohibit juveniles from being housed on the 6th floor of City Prison. The Superior Court did not know about the consent decree. He and the Presiding Judge contacted the City Attorney and advised that there would be no consent decree as far as the Superior Court was concerned. At the meeting with the Juvenile Justice Section of the Bar Association the Judge addressed the subject of criticism and pointed out to the group that constructive criticism is always good and welcome whereas any other kind destroys and polarizes relationships. The Judge has issued a policy letter to Mr. Sarsfield and Mr. Botka to report any abuse or neglect of any dependent to this Court. The report must be submitted to him within 24 hours with a set of criteria to be met--identification of the person involved, what was done about it, daily report until matter resolved.

REPORTS:

CPO: Mr. Botka reviewed the statistics for January and February. The population in Juvenile Hall as well as the status offender cottages is going up. He has talked with the Mayor's Office about releasing requisitions for necessary personnel. He reported that there was a huge mudslide at Log Cabin Ranch on February 22. A section of land dropped 80 to 100 feet. San Mateo's ranch was closed due to the road being washed out, but it was not necessary to close Log Cabin. Pictures showing effects of slide were passed to commissioners. The auto shop instruction has reached the point where the boys are ready to do tune-ups, change tires, etc. Mr. Botka indicated that he sent his City car down to have it tuned up and new tires put on. At this time he extended an invitation to the commission to visit the Ranch and said he would make any arrangements for transportation. The temporary monies are running out in this year's budget, but we will remain in budget by transferring funds from one section to another. The budget for the next fiscal year is being prepared and we are working closely with the Mayor's Office. General Hospital has informed us that it will be necessary to pay $16,000 in contractual services for blanket and linen washing next fiscal year. Mr. Spillane is checking into alternatives on this item. A work program has been arranged with the Traffic Hearing Officer, wherein he may

assign youth to work off traffic fines. Currently, a young man is cleaning the graffiti off the walls in this building.

Chairman: Chairman Webb announced that there is a full agenda scheduled for the April meeting. Police Chief Murphy will be the guest speaker. Annual committee reports are due, review and adoption of by-laws amendments and report of the nominating committee. Chairman Webb reminded the committees that their reports should be in writing and mailed to the chairman and commissioners five days prior to the April meeting, which means they should be give to Mr. Botka's secretary by March 24 for distribution.

Volunteer Auxiliary: Mrs. Coyne, President of the Auxiliary, thanked the commission for the opportunity to share its endeavors. They had a very successful fund raiser last fall and the money realized from it will completely furnish G2--all new furniture, carpets, drapes, individual mirrors for the girls' rooms. A wonderful Christmas was provided to the children at the Youth Guidance Center, the Ranch and children in foster homes, youth on probation and needy children in their own homes. The Corner Store has been enclosed now and the Auxiliary is very happy with their new gift shop. They visited Log Cabin recently and the band, for which they provided the instruments, played for them and are quite good. They continue to assist in the Squires program and job training. As this is the Year of the Family, their attention is focused on assisting the Family Crisis Unit. Chairman Webb commended Mrs. Coyne and the Volunteer Auxiliary for the fine work they do.

Commissioner Wada indicated that there would be money available to agencies working with children for recreational supplies and that perhaps the Volunteer Auxiliary might apply on behalf of Juvenile Hall and Log Cabin Ranch. The contact person is Bernice Brown at the San Francisco Foundation.

Commissioner Wada reported that he visited Commissioner Lucey's court and finds her a credit to the system. She is in control of her courtroom and maintains good discipline. He intends to visit the other commissioners' courtrooms.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Grandin asked about the status of a resolution for Peter Armstrong and gift for Lou Maldonado. Chairman Webb stated that a letter had been sent to Msgr. Armstrong shortly after he resigned that included an invitation to the annual workshop. He regretted expressing his appreciation for the letter. Recommendations were to be submitted regarding an appropriate memento for Lou Maldonado. Commissioner Laws said she felt Commissioner Maldonado was a very dedicated person and cared very much for the juveniles here and would like to have the commission present him with a gift. M/S/C to present past Commissioner Maldonado with a gift.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Webb opened nominations for a four-member nominating committee. Commissioners Costello, Figone, Cayton, Smith and Salarno were nominated. The chairman noted that Commissioner Costello was not present at this time. Commissioner Salarno offered to discuss her availability to serve and if she can he will vacate the committee. M/S/C to approve.

Judge Benson advised the commission of a meeting he had with the Mayor's Office that included the Presiding Judges of the Municipal Court and the Superior Court and people from the Mission District. Apparently they are having a problem with lowriders and after talking with the police and the District Attorney, it seems that not too much can be done other than restitution for any damages. The people in this community expressed the thought of how important it is to teach youth responsibility to others and are interested in community service sentencing. He asked the commission to give some thought to this idea and to come up with some suggestions on what we might do for youth in this category.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m. in memory of Olga Clifton, former probation officer of Juvenile Court and mother-in-law of Judge Drewes.

Respectfully submitted,

Yori Wada, Secretary
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MINUTES OF APRIL 3, 1980 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Webb at 12:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Webb, Gordon, Smith, Ballou, Cayton, Costello, Figone, Grandin, Laws, Mayberry. Excused: Caesar, Marovich, Salarno, Scott, Wada. Staff: Benson, Botka, Cain, Foote. Guests: Dr. Laura Grieneeks, Psychiatric Clinic; John Kearney, School Department; George Emil, Deputy Chief of Police.

Minutes of March 6, 1980 approved as corrected. Commissioner Laws asked that section of "Judge's Corner" page 2, second line, be corrected to read "essentially those who could be committed."

COMMUNICATIONS:

Invitation from RAP to an open house March 21, 1980. Notice from State Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission announcing annual workshop for all commissioners in conjunction with the State CPPCA Conference to be held May 21-23, 1980, Anaheim, California. Department of Youth Authority Staff News. San Francisco Child Abuse Council, Inc. notice of information re pilot project, Prevention of Abuse and Neglect of Children in Out of Home Placement. Department of social services meeting notice held on March 21, 1980. Copy letter from CPO to Log Cabin re auto shop. Business Education Newsletter. Copy letter from CPO to Mayor re budget problems. Delinquency prevention commission minutes of March 18, 1980. Notice from CYA re agenda for workshop for forthcoming CPPCA Conference in Anaheim. Notice from CYA re detention of minors study. Delinquency prevention commission coordination council minutes of March 6, 1980. CYA Staff News of March 21, March 14 and February 29, 1980. Copy letter from CYA re overcrowded conditions in juvenile hall. CHIRP announcement of meeting April 10.

JUDGE'S CORNER:

Judge Benson said that with a guest speaker and a heavy agenda for the commission he would limit his statements to three points. The first matter concerned his being happy with the court and attorneys in relation to Perrone C. There have been a few exceptions and in those the cases are now sent to the presiding judge and are assigned to judges at city hall. Secondly, the judge said that he feels that the California Youth Authority will approve an area known as 19B in city prison which could accommodate juvenile offenders. CYA's report is due tomorrow. Lastly, the judge has met with Coleman Foundation and

is aware of a new proposal. More information will be forthcoming on this subject at coming commission meetings. In response to a question from Commissioner Grandin concerning status offenders and the freedom they have in the C cottages, Judge Benson stated that he disagrees with the concept of the 601 status offenders being free and that this whole concept should be reexamined.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Chairman Webb introduced Deputy Police Chief George Emil who appeared for Chief Murphy who was ill. Chief Emil said that it is the intent of Chief Murphy to cooperate fully with our department in resolving any problems concerning juveniles. Some years ago, 52 men served on the juvenile bureau but in a reorganization by Chief Gain the juvenile bureau staff was reduced and officers assigned separate duties, i.e. minors arrested for burglary would be handled by burglary detail. It is Chief Murphy's intent to increase the number of officers of the juvenile bureau. Currently there are 17 officers, as new men are hired, this force should be doubled. At present, the bureau is investigating child abuse cases, assaults on or by juveniles and purse snatching. The Chief agreed with Judge Benson that legislation be brought to pass to rectify the 601 problem. He identified the tenderloin district and bus stations as communication points for people who prey on young children who come to our city. The bureau is also going to devote more time to gang activities. The Chinatown gang activities are pretty much under control, but a current problem is Filipino gang activity.

REPORTS:

It was M/S/C that the report of the by-laws committee be made first because of a scheduled airflight of Commissioner Gordon. Commissioner Gordon reported changes and recommendations to the by-laws. Commissioner Grandin made a motion to change the usage of the word chairman in the by-laws to chairperson. Motion seconded and failed. It was M/S/C to adopt the amendments to the by-laws.

It was M/S/C that the nominating committee report be made during Commissioner Gordon's presence. Commissioner Smith submitted the recommendations of the nominating committee as follows: Commissioner Stuart Gordon, Chairman; Commissioner Beatrice Laws, Vice Chairman; Commissioner Joanna Ballou, Secretary; Commissioner Revels Cayton, Treasurer. M/S/C to approve the recommendations of the nominating committee. Commissioner Cayton made a motion that Chairman Lou Webb be given due honor and respect for her hard work, time and selflessness as chairman of the commission. M/S/C. Judge Benson expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the chairman. The judge also stated that he was delighted with the leadership that had been chosen. Chairman Webb discharged the nominating committee and the by-laws committee with appreciation for a job well done.

CPO: Mr. Botka thanked Chairman Webb for her hard work as chairman for the last two years and for her support to the CPO and his staff. He reported that last week the mayor signed a supplemental appropriation request to transfer money. The request will now go before the finance committee of the board of supervisors. Requisitions also have to be released. Due to holding up of monies, one cottage was closed in juvenile hall which made the hall overcrowded. Youth Authority is now saying that we are in violation and have 60 days to comply with state regulations. He will be able to use this letter to help release monies and requisitions from the mayor's office. This year more than any other we may have to call on the judge and the commission for help in releasing funds. Mr. Botka

reviewed statistics for March. Admissions were increased. Next month's statistics will be for the calendar year. He informed the commission that a committee of three from the grand jury visited our department yesterday. They talked to the judge, were told about the juvenile justice commission. Commissioner Figone requested that Mr. Botka send a letter to the commissioners re the visit of the grand jury. Advised the commission that Art Agnos has introduced a bill which would remove the jurisdiction of 300 cases from the juvenile court. CPO asked if the commission would write or support opposition to this bill. It was M/S/C that the commission act in concert to oppose the Agnos bill concerning 300 cases. Motion was requested by the chairman to continue the meeting past the 2:30 deadline. M/S/C. Discussion continued around the budget process.

Commissioner Figone said that the annual report of the institutions committee will have to be delayed until next month.

Commissioner Cayton distributed copies of the annual report of the juvenile court committee. M/S/C to adopt report.

Commissioners Laws reported that the probation services committee report was mailed with the minutes. M/S/C to adopt report.

M/S/C to adopt legislative committee report as mailed.

NEW BUSINESS:

The commission was informed that the band from Log Cabin Ranch School would be entertaining in the chapel at 3:00 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yori Wada, Secretary
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ADDENDUM TO MINUTES OF APRIL 3, 1980

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N E. BENSON, JUDGE

April 30, 1980

Mr. Yori Wada
Secretary
Juvenile Justice Commission
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Dear Yori:

I received and reviewed the minutes of the April 3, 1980 commission meeting, specifically the last sentence at the top of page 2, and I do not feel the statement that was made accurately characterizes my statement or my ideas on the subject. I realize, of course, that the comment represents an effort to summarize several minutes of my talking with one sentence. However, because I do not want to take any chances of having my position mischaracterized or misinterpreted, I thought it necessary to write this letter.

Presently California has an open door policy for status offenders. So long as the child does not violate the criminal law he continues to be a status offender no matter how often he runs away from home or other placement, or is continually truant from school. Essentially, he has the right to decide for himself whether he will remain in a protected environment or will venture on his own road to survival and become a probable victim to the waiting predators.

It seems to me that adults owe disturbed children more than abandonment, but that is precisely the effect of the current status offender law.

There is presently an effort by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges to seek an amendment to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act.

The essential thrust of the amendment is to remove from the "status offender" category those children who violate a valid court order. This amendment, if carried, would be a strong inducement for California to amend its status offender law. It would give to the Juvenile Courts

of this state the right, upon a finding of violation of a valid court order after a full due process hearing, to impose some limitations on the child's right to decide for himself whether he will continue to run away from home, go to school, or otherwise obey state laws.

Perhaps this letter could be made a part of the April 3rd minutes so there will be no misunderstanding about my position.

Looking forward to seeing you on May 1st, I am,

Sincerely yours,

John E. Benson

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MINUTES OF MAY 1, 1980 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Gordon at 12:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Gordon, Laws, Grandin, Marovich, Mayberry, Salarno, Smith, Wada, Webb. Excused: Ballou, Caesar, Costello. Absent: Cayton, Figone, Scott. Staff: Benson, Botka, Cain, Foote. Guests: Dr. Laura Grieneeks, Psychiatric Clinic; Fiorella Grippaldi, student, SF State University.

Minutes of April 3, 1980 approved as corrected. Commissioner Grandin stated that on page 2 under Reports it should read: "Commissioner Grandin made a motion to desexitize the by-laws. The motion seconded and failed. Commissioner Figone made a motion to change the usage of the word chairman in the by-laws to chairperson." Commissioner Wada read a letter from Judge Benson which clarifies the last sentence in the Judge's Corner. The letter will become an addendum to the minutes.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Copy of letter of April 30 to Executive Director of MCJC advising that Stuart Gordon is new chairman. Copy of letter of April 3 to Judge Benson from CYA re inspection of Section B-19 of San Francisco jail. Letter from CYA enclosing brochure on Prevention and Community Corrections Branch and indicating more brochures available upon request. M/S/C to order a copy for each commissioner. Spring issue of The Bridge, newsletter of San Francisco Educational Service. Notice of April 7 from State of California Department of Social Services re meeting of State Advisory Committee on Child Abuse, April 25. Final Report on AB 3121 Impact Evaluation from CYA. Letter of April 17 from CYA inviting Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commissions to CPPCA Conference, May 21-23 in Anaheim. Letter of April 24 from CPPCA re May conference in Anaheim. April 15 minutes of Delinquency Prevention Commission. Copy of Probation Standards of Chief Probation Officers of California. Notice from Delinquency Prevention Coordination Council requesting that an alternate be named to attend their meetings. Referred to chairman for his disposition. Commissioner Grandin reported on a letter she received from the Child Abuse Council which included a portion of a newsletter that listed counties with high numbers of children awaiting placement and overcrowding in juvenile halls. The letter also indicated that it was difficult to determine whose responsibility it is for conditions in juvenile hall detention, especially with respect to status offenders. Judge Benson responded that anything dealing with the San Francisco Juvenile Court is his responsibility and that any questions, criticism or concerns should be directed to him. He will look into such matters and deal with them promptly.

JUDGE'S CORNER:

The Judge has the Department of Social Services and the Probation Department reporting incidents of physical and sexual abuse of dependents directly to him with follow-up reports on what is being done on a daily basis until resolution of the problem. The Judge received a letter from the CYA re overcrowding in Juvenile Hall. This letter was used to indicate to the Mayor's Office the urgency in releasing requisitions for personnel that had been budgeted. The Judge sent a letter to LEAA in response to the proposed grant submitted by Coleman and Delinquency Prevention Commission. He pointed out the many discrepancies in the proposal and urged careful consideration in their decision. The Judge does agree that too many children are outside of San Francisco and that there is too much movement in placement. He has talked with Mr. Sarsfield who indicates DSS has a computer program almost completed that takes a dependent from day one and records everything that has happened to that child until he is 18. The Judge feels that if this information is in the computer we can manage the problem. The proposed jury trials for juveniles was dropped in committee in Sacramento. Proposed legislation to remove dependency from the responsibility of the probation officer has been withdrawn. The Judge told the commission that he wants them to get out into the community and put a brake on misinformation and unfounded allegations against this court. Various commissioners indicated that attacks on the Juvenile Court operation were not new. Some years ago the Grand Jury wrote a devasting report on the court and the Human Rights Commission wrote a report on racism here. The commissioners then suggested various ways to deal with the proposed Coleman report. Commissioner Webb moved that the current committee chairmen be designated to draft a formula and that such formula be reported back to the chairman within seven days and that upon receipt of the formula he call a special meeting of the commission to formulate a proper response to the position that Coleman has taken. Commissioner Laws stated that since the Judge has already written a letter to LEAA with copies to Coleman and others that an ad hoc committee and an immediate response are not necessary at this time. Instead, the commission should be redirected to go out into the community and represent itself at pertinent meetings. The Judge indicated he was inclined toward getting out into the community and asking for facts and investigating any allegations presented at meetings. Commissioner Webb's motion was seconded but failed to pass. Chairman Gordon requested that Mr. Botka provide him with a list of community groups and agencies relevant to the Juvenile Court in order to ask that minutes and notices of meetings be sent to each commission member. He also indicated that he would like to discuss this matter with committee chairmen.

REPORTS:

CPO: As the result of a lawsuit filed by Hispanics, the City and County of San Franciso has five years to develop a satisfactory affirmative action program that would employ more Hispanics, women and other minorities. Mr. Botka attended a meeting with Civil Service and has until September 1 to pull together an affirmative action program in this department. Mr. Cain has been designated the affirmative action coordinator. Unless the City is successful in implementing such a program up to $150 million could be lost in revenue sharing funds. Mr. Botka reviewed population statistics for Juvenile Hall, status offender

cottages and Log Cabin Ranch for the last four months. He pointed out that several days in April the count in Juvenile Hall was over the limit so we are out of compliance with CYA. Some requisitions have been released so we can reopen the cottage that had been closed due to lack of personnel. There will be a budget hearing in the Mayor's Office on May 9 wherein it will be decided at what percentage our budget will be funded. Mr. Botka distributed a draft of an idea for a proposal for diversion of youth which would tie in with what the Police Department would like to do. This will be discussed at the Police-Court Liaison meeting on May 2. Any input, recommendations, etc. are welcome. The Jail Population Committee is looking into the Judge's suggestion of using area 19B in the Hall of Justice for serious juvenile offenders who are to be tried as adults. Judge Benson indicated that this would be for particularly violent youth, escape prone individuals and those that are a threat to Juvenile Hall inmates and staff. Commissioner Wada stated that he is against sending juveniles to jail even if in a separate facility. If they are a danger to themselves, they will be even more so in city prison as the supervision is not the best there. Judge Benson responded that 19B adjoins a courtroom and is currently used for intoxicated individuals. It is completely separate from the felonies and misdemeanants. The cost for remodeling this area is approximately $20,000 to $25,000. Other alternatives to this were sought, but suggestions to date all exceed $25,000 by quite a bit, i.e., over $100,000.

Commissioner Webb moved, seconded and carried to extend the meeting by 15 minutes if necessary.

Probation Services: Commissioner Laws reported that she and Commissioner Grandin attended the placement screening committee and were quite impressed with the way it handled cases. They had a good team of people evaluating the cases and had some very difficult youth to place. Judge Benson indicated that this group would be a part of the screening process for children that will be sent to the new Youth Campus which is opening on June 16. Commissioner Laws also reported that she and Commissioner Grandin met with Margaret Brodkin of Coleman to discuss the proposal they submitted to LEAA. Ms. Brodkin seemed apologetic about the proposal's discrepancies but indicated it was due to the time constraints. She also mentioned that private agencies feel they have not gotten referrals and this is due to a lack of communication. Commissioner Laws hoped to report on the institutions and foster homes used by the court but has not received all necessary material and information.

Legislation: Commissioner Webb advised the commission that she sent letters of protest to Assemblyman Agnos and the Chairman of the Criminal Justice Committee re AB 3204, a bill which would remove dependent children from the jurisdiction of the probation officer and give the responsiblity to the Department of Social Services. The bill was withdrawn before committee hearing.

Commissioner Wada reported on the State Conference on Children and Youth held in Sacramento last month. He said the conference was well attended and that about one third of the delegates were youth. San Francisco's delegation of 80 consisted of 60 youth. Resolutions passed will be taken to the White House Conference on Youth. Mayor Feinstein is meeting with the San Francisco delegates to see about forming a youth council in San Francisco.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Marovich stated that the CYO is involved in trying to establish a transition home but is having great difficulty in finding a physical location. They are looking for a home with space for 10 beds. He would really appreciate any suggestions, resources, etc. that the commission may have. Chairman Gordon suggested contacting the Guardsmen.

Commissioner Webb informed the commission that Commissioner Costello was in China at this time and that she had specifically requested to inspect their juvenile facilities and would report back on what she has learned.

Chairman Gordon stated that the Juvenile Court's annual report is being prepared and the commission has been requested to submit a report for inclusion. He asked Commissioner Webb to write the commission's report.

Chairman Gordon presented Commissioner Webb with a small token of appreciation for her hard work as chairman for the last two years. Commissioner Webb thanked the commission for its thoughtfulness and kind words.

There being no further business the meeting adjounred at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 1980 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Pro Tem Laws at 12:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Laws, Ballou, Cayton, Costello, Grandin, Mayberry, Salarno, Scott, Smith, Wada, Webb. Excused: Caesar, Gordon, Marovich. Absent: Figone. Staff: Benson, Botka, Cain, Foote. Guests: Dr. Laura Grieneeks, Psychiatric Clinic.

Minutes of May 1, 1980 approved as submitted. Commissioner Grandin indicated that Judge Benson's letter of April 30, 1980, which had become an addendum to the April 3, 1980 minutes, was not received by her. In error, the letter was not sent to anyone on the mailing list of the minutes. It was M/S/C to send out the letter with a note explaining it was an addendum to the April minutes.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter of June 4 to Social Services Commission from Byron Bray, Private Placement, regarding placement of another youth at Boyle House in Los Angeles and requesting authorization for payment. Memo of May 14 to members of the Executive Committee of MCJC from the Executive Director of MCJC regarding Bay Area Urban League's development and submittal of a grant application for federal funds for an urban crime prevention program. Letter of May 9 to Chairperson of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission from CYA regarding training programs for youth serving program managers and administrators. From the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors a schedule of their budget hearings for 1980-81 budgets. It was M/S/C to recommend to Chairman that he designate the appropriate member of the Community Liaison Committee to attend. Letter of May 23 from Northwestern University Center for Urban Affairs to Chairman inviting interested individuals to a one-day conference on Saturday, June 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the First Unitarian Church. Commissioner Webb indicated that she will be attending this conference. Commissioner Wada stated that private agencies had also been invited to participate and he, too, will be attending. March 1980 issue of Legislative Pipeline from the Office of Child Abuse Prevention. Referred to Legislative Committee. Brochures requested from the Prevention and Community Corrections Branch of the CYA were received and distributed to Commissioners.

JUDGE'S CORNER:

Judge Benson expressed his appreciation to the Commission for its active role in representing the Youth Guidance Center. He indicated that in the near

future they would have more opportunities to express themselves regarding Juvenile Hall and Juvenile Court since the Coleman Foundation was awarded their grant in the amount of $480,000 for the next two years. The Judge announced that the Mental Health Coordinator, Randy Street, would be retiring this month and that he has selected Frank Moran, a probation officer, to fill the position temporarily. The Judge feels that this job can be twofold and the individual can serve as the coordinator as well as an administrative assistant to him. This will be beneficial in handling the great volume of paper that comes across the Judge's desk. The Judge is optimistic that the New Pride Program, which is being developed by the Red Cross, will be a viable program for serious and repeat offenders. He is also elated with the Youth Campus concept and is awaiting the opening of its doors on July 1. Judge Benson talked about a meeting he had with DSS relative to dependency placement. He reiterated to Mr. Sarsfield and his staff the importance of Probation Services involvement in dependency placement. Mr. Yamasaki, President of the Social Services Commission, was in attendance at this meeting and seemed to appreciate the efforts of the Court in this matter. The result of the meeting was that Dennis Sweeney of Probation's Outreach Divison will sit down with appropriate staff members of DSS to work out the alleged impass re the crisis teams. Judge Benson feels quite strongly that DSS, Probation and the Court could make dependency function as it should if all involved would cooperate and work together.

REPORTS:

CPO: Mr. Botka reviewed the population statistics from January through May for Juvenile Hall, status offender cottages, Log Cabin Ranch and CYA. Judge Benson asked Mr. Botka to report on recent statistics concerning Rafiki Masaada. Mr. Botka indicated that between March 1979 and April 1980, 74 referrals were made to Rafiki. Even though these youth had been screened for Rafiki, the number returned to us for incompatibility and those AWOL resulted in a 56.7% failure rate. It was M/S/C that this information be forwarded to Saul Madfes, Chairman of MCJC's Youth Services Task Force. The overcrowding situation in Juvenile Hall has been resolved and the CYA has approved the facility for the housing of minors. Probation and detention services will be participating in a youth needs assessment study developed by the Delinquency Prevention Commission. The proposed questionnaires have been reviewed by administrative staff for appropriateness and relevancy. Due to Juvenile Court being involved in a lawsuit regarding Civil Service exams and lists, we can no longer sponsor LEAA grants until the lawsuit is resolved. Therefore, Rafiki Masaada and Transition House are now being sponsored by the Mayor's Office. A school-probation impact program was instituted last fall and a review of the program during this past school year will be held on Thursday, June 12 in the main conference room. Mr. Botka invited interested Commissioners to attend. San Mateo County has a forestry expert looking over the damage to trees caused by the mud slide earlier this year at Log Cabin Ranch and Glenwood Ranch. There is a possibility of salvaging lumber in the amount of approximately $100,000, which might be used for revitalizing areas damaged by the slide. The CYA has awarded $130,000 for construction and remodeling in the status offender cottages. This would improve the facilities for runaways who may be locked up for a maximum of 72 hours pending plans for return to parents. Judge Benson commented on two articles he read recently concerning children in jail. One article

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Commissioner Costello moved that the Commission send a letter to Youth Campus approving the facility for placement of youth from the Juvenile Court. It was M/S/C to refer to Chairman for his action.

Commissioner Grandin asked about inviting the Court Commissioners to one of the meetings so they can be introduced and become familiar with the Commission. It was M/S/C to invite the Commissioners as a group to the July meeting or at a time convenient for them. Judge Benson indicated that he would make arrangements to have the Commissioners present at one of the meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MINUTES OF JULY 10, 1980 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Gordon at 12:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Gordon, Laws, Cayton, Costello, Marovich, Smith, Wada. Excused: Ballou, Caesar, Figone, Grandin, Webb. Absent: Mayberry, Salarno, Scott. Staff: Benson, Botka. Guests: Franklin H. Gentes, Court Commissioner; Frank Moran, Mental Health Coordinator for the Psychiatric Court; Dr. Laura Grieneeks, Psychiatric Clinic.

Minutes of June 5, 1980 approved as submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS:

From the San Francisco Charter Commission, second discussion draft of the proposed Charter. From the California Youth Authority, a publication, "Guidelines for Management-Oriented Evaluation of Delinquency Prevention Programs." May-June issue of CYA's Reach Out. From Henry Reynolds, Supervising Counselor for the Boys/Girls Center, a calendar of scheduled activities for July. From the CYA, a notice of public hearings to determine whether the policy that CYA staff shall not carry firearms while on duty or acting in an official capacity should be amended. Hearing will be on Monday, July 21 from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. at 350 McAllister Street, Room 1194.

JUDGE'S CORNER:

Judge Benson administered the oath of office to Commissioner Ed Smith, who he has reappointed to a four-year term. The Judge took this opportunity to thank Commissioner Smith as well as each and every member of the Commission for the work they are doing. He indicated that their presence is being felt in the community and he is grateful for it. He introduced Frank Moran, a probation officer, who is presently serving as the Mental Health Coordinator for the Psychiatric Court. Frank is also serving as the Judge's administrative assistant, and his knowledge of the system and the community has been of considerable help. The Judge advised the Commission that he would be appearing before the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors later this afternoon on an extremely important issue. Harvey Rose, Budget Analyst for the Board of Supervisors, came up with an idea to solicit an opinion from the City Attorney as to the economic feasibility of contracting out Log Cabin Ranch to a private non-profit corporation. The Judge is unequivocally opposed to any kind of management of Log Cabin other than by the Probation Department. He is sending some very tough youths to the Ranch and cited a sampling of crimes committed by these youths: 14 armed robberies, 10 robberies involving injury to the victim,

2 robberies involving kidnaps, 12 assaults with deadly weapons. He provided a complete rundown of the criminal activities of all youths presently at the Ranch to the Finance Committee. Contracting with an outside agency is a potential threat as sometimes contracting agencies are effective and sometimes not. Any type of failure in terms of a contracting agency at Log Cabin is an irremedial problem. Should the agency be faced with a problem they cannot handle within their internal organization, there is nothing for the Judge to do. The importance of having an on-going, accountable staff that is knowledgeable and experienced in the field is vital to maintaining order and tranquillity in the ranch setting. The Superior Court Bench has not made a formal statement, but of the Judges spoken to thus far, there is opposition to such a move. Judge Benson said he would welcome a resolution from the Commission opposing this proposal. It was M/S/C that the Juvenile Justice Commission take a stance that Harvey Rose's recommendation to contract out Log Cabin Ranch is an economic measure without good sense. Judge Benson informed the Commission that he had met with the EDP people this morning regarding the tie-in with DSS computer information on dependency. He feels that at this point in time we are zeroing in on it. The information that will be provided by such a tie-in will assist in flagging problems of dependency placement early on so we can get right in and deal with the problems. Commissioner Laws informed the Judge that the Probation Services Committee was reviewing the computer printout sheets provided by Byron Bray re youth in out-of-home placements. Judge Benson invited them to attend a meeting with him, EDP personnel and DSS individuals next Thursday, July 17, at 8 a.m. in the main conference room. The Judge made mention of an article in The Recorder concerning open trials for juveniles accused of serious crimes. He stated that although he has tried to keep up with current legislation, he had no idea such a bill was in the State Legislature. He made his feelings known to the Governor's office, pointing out that the bill was a bad one and unnecessary, but the Governor signed it into law. The Judge has yet to see the legislation but he understands it will pertain to youth falling within certain categories (707b). Commissioner Wada asked if the Commission should make some sort of investigation or recommendation in this matter. Judge Benson stated that at this point in time it is a matter for him to handle at the court level.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Court Commissioner Franklin Gentes introduced himself and answered questions directed to him by Commissionsrs.

Commissioner Gentes was admitted to the Bar in 1963 and was in private practice for three years before becoming an assistant district attorney. During that time he tried some 60 jury cases and became familiar with courtroom procedure. After three years he was appointed as an assistant commissioner in the civil division at City Hall. He was involved in civil matters, worked in the law and motion department and was a probate commissioner. In 1977 he was appointed a court commissioner and assigned to the Juvenile Court. His daily routine consists of taking dispositional hearings from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Between 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. he sets cases for trial. He finds that in the three years since he has been here, youths are becoming more sophisticated and tending more toward gang-related activities; and younger children are becoming more involved in

crime, i.e., an 11-year-old armed robber. One of the more difficult aspects of his job is finding suitable placements when bound by certain rules and trying to consider protection of the community and benefit of the minor, which are of often times at odds with each other. There is no facility such as Log Cabin Ranch for young female offenders, although Contra Costa County's facility has recently become available. Bed space is limited, however, Closed psychiatric facilities are scarce and generally not located within the immediate Bay Area. Teenage prostitution situations usually result in out-of-home placements or sometimes the minor is sent home and referred to a community based agency. He has never had a male prostitute appear before him. This is probably due to non-arrests of prostitutes, male or female, as such matters are handled at the intake level with probation services. They are one of the most difficult cases to prove. Hospitality House in the Tenderloin has been used on occasion and a placement in South California has just been found. Commissioner Gentes suggested that the Commission could lend support to changing the open door policy for status offenders via legislation. Judge Benson indicated that the problem created by the statute as it presently exists is being identified and documented. The answer is to change the law but just how is yet to be determined.

REPORTS:

CPO: Mr. Botka presented an outline of the budget cuts for the Juvenile Court and explained the effect on the department. He expressed his appreciation to the Commissioners who attended the Finance Committee budget hearing in support of the Court. Commissioner Costello suggested that the Commission be advised earlier next year in order to participate in some of the budget discussions with the Mayor's Office. Statistics were presented for July. Admissions and average daily population in Juvenile Hall and the status offender cottages are down but the average length of stay has increased slightly. Due to graduations, Log Cabin's population will probably drop slightly during the summer. CYA commitments have dropped considerably from the last few months. The 1979 annual report was distributed to the Commissioners. The report points out the changes and trends over the past ten years. Mr. Botka reported that several boys in Juvenile Hall/B5 have asked to be baptized into the Pentecostal Church. A minister from the Pentecostal Church has been providing services for the cottage for quite some time. Mr. Botka indicated that a suggested plan is to have a very solemn religious ceremony with parents and family members in attendance. The Commission had no objections but stated that written parental permission should be obtained and the parents should be present. Judge Benson indicated that he would like to take a closer look at the situation. On July 1 the Project New Pride program started up and there are already three youths involved. Commissioner Wada stated that there has been some criticism of the Court for not supplying enough referrals. Judge Benson pointed out that he had advised the administrators of the program that he would be referring youth on a gradual basis and not a large group from the outset. If overstaffing is the problem, that is not the fault of the Juvenile Court, and the administrators should be so informed and advised to refrain from criticizing the Court unjustly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Costello announced that Youth Campus would be opening its doors on July 16 with eight children. There will be an open house on July 13 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Commissioner Laws inquired about the status of the county jail. Judge Benson advised the Commission that there have been several meetings with DPW's Bureau of Architecture. They have provided some figures on renovating B19 in the Hall of Justice and B5 in Juvenile Hall: $90,000 for B19 and $202,000 for B5. We will probably opt for B19. The Presiding Judge has been advised and a meeting will be set up with the Mayor and the Presiding Judge to clarify the situation and work out the funding.

NEW BUSINESS:

There will be a joint Delinquency Prevention Commission/Delinquency Prevention Coordination Council meeting on July 23 and Commissioners Laws and Costello will not be available to attend. Since the Youth Needs Assessment Study will be presented in its final form, there should be Commission representation. Chairman Gordon said he would follow up on having someone in attendance.

Commissioner Laws stated that the subject of the annual workshop should be part of next month's agenda in order to get planning under way.

Chairman Gordon expressed his concern about the time frame of the Commission meetings. Some reports are rather lengthy and this can result in inadequate time for other reports as well as Commissioners rushing out of the meeting toward the end. There should be some discussion around establishing guidelines in this area.

Chairman Gordon also expressed his concern about the poor attendance and participation of some Commissioners, which results in the same few Commissioners carrying the weight of the Commission in terms of representation at meetings and committee work. A good strong look should be taken of the situation as it is important to resolve this problem to ensure the effectiveness of the Commission. He told the Commissioners to feel free to recommend anyone they knew who would like to serve on the Commission.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beatrice C. Laws, Secretary Pro Tem
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MINUTES OF AUGUST 7, 1980 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Gordon at 12:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Gordon, Cayton, Caesar, Costello, Figone, Grandin, Marovich, Salarno, Smith, Wada. Excused: Ballou, Laws, Webb. Absent: Mayberry, Scott. Staff: Benson, Cain, Foote. Guests: Nicholas Deriman, Court Commissioner; Joan Coyne, Volunteer Auxiliary.

Minutes of July 10, 1980 approved as submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Thank you note from Commissioner Webb for gift from Commission. Copy of 1979 CYA annual report. July issue of SF Charter Commission's newsletter. Letter of July 16 from National Conference of Christians and Jews re recruiting youth for summer youth workshop. Announcement of garage sale by SF Educational Services. Letter of August 4 from CYA advising of change in county consultant. Barney Kammerer is reassigned; new contact person is Patricia Armstrong. Letter of July 16 from CPPCA State President inviting Commissioners to join CPPCA.

JUDGE'S CORNER:

Judge Benson announced that he would be visiting the Northern California facilities of the California Youth Authority next week as well as Log Cabin Ranch. He has been advised that the boys at the Ranch are digging a ditch so that the electrical wiring can be hooked up in order to have the swimming pool in operation again. It has been closed since February due to the landslide. The EDP project is in the final stages in terms of developing the information the Court wants computerized.

The city prison project is moving along and a satisfactory arrangement has been reached with the Mayor's Office for $11,000 required for plans and specifications to renovate B19 in the Hall of Justice. Target date for completion is July 1981.

The Judge has been analyzing the draft of the Youth Needs Assessment Study. He believes that there is some good data in this report, but that the consultant has mixed fact and data and conclusion: conclusions and recommendations drawn from the data bear no logical relationship one to the other. There seems to be a considerable amount of haste on the part of certain proponents to get this study accepted. They should not publish the document prematurely as there is a lot of cleaning up to do. Commissioner Costello suggested that the Judge write a letter to the Junior League pointing it out to them. Judge Benson indicated that he spoke out at an open forum that morning on the matter.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Chairman Gordon introduced Court Commissioner Nicholas Deriman and asked him to describe his background and responsibilities at the Court.

Commissioner Deriman is a native San Franciscan and received his law degree from Hastings. He practiced law with George Agnost before going to the District Attorney's Office where he spent 12 years. While there he did criminal prosecution work until the last few years when he spent considerable time on significant political corruption cases. He subsequently entered private practice and was a fairly small practitioner until he attracted a select type of business, surety and fidelity, which involves large losses in the commercial field such as banking and real estate.

He came to the Juvenile Court in early 1980 and was assigned to hear dependency cases. These cases involve little children and status offenders and situations of neglect, abuse, incest and incidents relative to dependency. It is a sad calendar as one sees the many tragic things that happen to children as well as making decisions to remove children from the care and home of their parents. He has recently been assigned to hear delinquency cases exclusively.

He feels that he is gradually learning more about juvenile court law and getting a better grasp of the job. Sometimes decisions are easy to make as they are crystal clear while other times it is very difficult to determine what would be best. He hopes to become more familiar with group homes and CYA facilities so he can get the feel that the judgments he is making are correct and that children are placed in the best facility suited to their specific needs.

REPORTS:

DPCC: Commissioner Grandin reported that she has been attending the DPCC meetings. She has been very busy reviewing the Youth Needs Assessment Study and has communicated her concerns and comments to the study committee. Most of her corrections and clarifications represent concerns and issues she feels the Commission would support. Because of the time constraints involved, she has been in close touch with the Chairman and has advised him of her recommendations. She indicated that all Commissioners are welcome to read the report and become involved.

Judge Benson announced that there will be a meeting with the individuals who compiled the report on Monday, August 18, at 4 p.m. in the main conference room. Any Commissioners interested are invited to attend.

Probation Services: Commissioner Grandin has been attending meetings with the Judge and EDP personnel to determine what information the Court needs from the computer in order to get a handle on children in placement. Judge Benson is principally concerned with excessive delay in placement, excessive shelter time, excessive changes in placement and related problems.

The Probation Services Committee has made a list of questions: How many children placed out of 60-mile radius at a given time; what is the relationship between the type of placement and the race of the minor; how long between court appearance and placement of minor; do certain DSS workers and probation officers take longer to place children than others; how frequently are placement reviews done; do certain probation officers and DSS workers have more placement failures; and are there certain placements which "fail" children more readily than others?

Judge Benson pointed out that dependency placement is a critical issue in this city. There are over 1,200 out-of-home placements. The Court has to find a method of highlighting the problem cases in placement such as the overlooked child who is just floating around in the system and the very disruptive child. The computer is the key for spotting the critical problem cases and thus increasing the Court's efficiency in dealing with these problems.

Legislative: Commissioner Caesar prepared a legislative update on bills affecting children and youth and distributed her report to the Commissioners.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Chairman Gordon asked Commissioner Figone to provide the report of the Institutions Committee and to please include in the report the conditions at Log Cabin Ranch in the area of the food served and the upkeep of the buildings and grounds.

Commissioner Grandin stated that she found it inexcusable that Commissioner Webb submitted her draft of the Commission's insert into the annual Juvenile Court report without first allowing the Commission as a whole to review and comment on it, particularly since the Commission report implies endorsement by the Commission as a whole.

Chairman Gordon acknowledged that he had received a copy of Commissioner Webb's draft, but did not realize that copies were not sent to all Commissioners for review.

Judge Benson and many other Commissioners agreed that Commissioners should have the opportunity to review anything relating to the Commission prior to publication. Chairman Gordon said he would put something together and present it at the next meeting, including a possible by-law to reflect that policy.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Salarno advised the Commission that he had attended a Charter Commission meeting recently where it was suggested that the Delinquency Prevention Commission and the Juvenile Justice Commission be combined. Judge Benson asked Commissioner Salarno to investigate this suggestion thoroughly and report back.

Chairman Gordon stated that he has been attending the MCJC Executive Committee meetings and that perhaps Rotea Gilford and/or Barbara Cohen could be invited to address the Commission at some future date. Commissioner Wada felt that these two individuals would be good speakers or perhaps Tim Armistead who handles the AB 90 program.

Chairman Gordon asked for suggestions on a date for the Commission's annual workshop. He has contacted Commissioner Ballou about holding the workshop in her home and she was receptive to his request. Commissioners Caesar, Figone and Grandin were appointed to serve on the workshop committee, which will be responsible for talking to all committee chairmen and developing an agenda for the workshop. Chairman Gordon requested that all committees meet and reflect on the concerns of their committee which should be included on the agenda.

Commissioner Grandin stated that Andy Petterson, Supervising Probation Officer of the Family Crisis Unit, would be retiring in September. She thinks some thought should be given to having someone with clinical experience in charge of that division since it is family counseling oriented, or that at the very least clinical supervision should be available to Family Crisis staff on a regular basis. Commissioner Wada said it should be determined whether a clinical person or a supervisorial person would be more appropriate in that position. Judge Benson stated that he has enlisted assistance from some of the staff to explore the problem of the status offender law and to explore the question of upgrading services to status offenders and their families who utilize Family Crisis Unit services.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Grandin, Secretary Pro Tem
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MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 4, 1980 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Gordon at 12:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Gordon, Laws, Ballou, Cayton, Caesar, Costello, Grandin, Marovich, Mayberry, Smith, Webb. Excused: Figone, Salarno. Absent: Scott, Wada. Staff: Benson, Cain, Licavoli. Guests: William Gargano, Court Commissioner; Joan Coyne, Volunteer Auxiliary.

Minutes of August 7, 1980 approved as submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter from San Bernardino Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission re forming regional commissions to work together toward achieving common goals. Notice of public hearing from Youth Authority re minimum standards for juvenile halls on October 23, 10 a.m., 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento. Fall issue of SF Charter Commission's newsletter. July-August issue of CYA's Reach Out.

JUDGE'S CORNER:

Judge Benson reported that the situation of housing violent, escape-prone juveniles is in a state of flux. At this point it is necessary to appear before the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors to obtain $11,000 for plans and specifications for Room B19 in the Hall of Justice. He has learned that other departments are eyeing this particular area for recreational purposes and such. Also, a proposed consent decree in a federal district court action has language that precludes juveniles from being housed at city prison under any circumstances. He has advised the Finance Committee that this court wants to be present for any discussions concerning the use of facilities at city prison.

In terms of the dependency calendar, we are on the brink of finishing Pase 2 with the EDP people. Phase 2 is a very critical one wherein we are setting out our requirements about what we want the system to do for us. The system should be going into effect in January 1981. Judge Benson gave a brief outline of how the system will be working. He indicated that this project has been a long, hard struggle but that it seems to be coming to a successful conclusion.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Court Commissioner William Gargano introduced himself and advised the Commission that this was his third day at Juvenile Court. He is a native San Franciscan and attended local schools. He is a graduate of the University of San Francisco and Hastings College and has been in practice for seven years. He is somewhat familiar with 602 cases through his participation in the juvenile justice section of the bar association. Mr. Gargano has been an assistant court commissioner for a year and a half and has worked in the areas of civil discovery matters and domestic relations. He has been assigned to hear 300 cases and the dependency calendar as well as jurisdictional hearings occasionally.

REPORTS:

Volunteer Auxiliary: Mrs. Coyne announced that the Volunteer Auxiliary will be having a benefit variety show on October 17 at Bimbo's 365 Club from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Tickets are $6.50 ($7.50 at the door) and can be obtained by contacting the Volunteer Auxiliary. The master of ceremonies will be Michael Pritchard, a Juvenile Hall counselor and recent winner of the San Francisco International Stand-up Comedy Competition. Mrs. Coyne read the Auxiliary's letter seeking sponsors and asked for suggestions for any potential sponsors. Sponsors ($100 donations) are entitled to two reservations for the show.

Legislative: Commissioner Caesar distributed her legislative report to all Commissioners and highlighted certain items. The Youth Act of 1980 authorizes $3.7 billion for youth training and employment programs. Judge Benson indicated that he would like to read this legislation and see what provisions are made for detained youth. Commissioner Webb commented that Commissioner Caesar's way of presenting the legislative report is an excellent one.

Commissioner Caesar inquired about the Log Cabin Ranch training program and the California Conservation Corps (CCC). Judge Benson stated that he had asked Jim Licavoli, Director of the Ranch, to prepare an in-house report that completely outlines the Ranch--where it is, where it should go, deficiencies, advantages, programs, etc. He has received this report and will be studying it thoroughly. As far as he is concerned, the Ranch is a good functioning institution for the type of child we have to deal with at Log Cabin Ranch. He would like to see it become the model of all ranches in the State of California. The Judge then called on Mr. Licavoli to respond to Commissioner Caesar's inquiry.

Mr. Licavoli indicated that the CCC has had its problems. It has been through two directors due to management problems. Even though the contract between the City and the CCC states that the directors may get together and select youth to participate in programs, this has not been done yet. Mr. Licavoli then explained briefly how the CCC program works.

DPCC: Judge Benson advised the Commission that he had met with the Youth Needs Assessment Study group on two occasions for a lengthy discussion of this study. The document is now in the process of being revised significantly in terms of recommendations and conclusions. The finished product should be scientific rather than one person's social theories.

Chairman: Chairman Gordon again stressed the importance of attendance at the Commission meetings. He would like everyone to be present at the workshop on September 29. It will be at Commissioner Ballou's home and start at 5 p.m. Family members may join the Commission at 7 p.m. for cocktails and supper. Prior to the workshop all committees should meet and outline their purpose and goals for the year. These meetings should also be attended by all committee members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Chairman Gordon distributed a proposed by-law amendment to the Commissioners relative to reports emanating from the Commission. The wording of the by-law was discussed and some suggestions were made to clarify it. Chairman Gordon will mail the revised proposal and it will be voted on at the October meeting.

Judge Benson reported that the issue of merging the Juvenile Justice Commission and the Delinquency Prevention Commission is dead. He could not find out where this idea had originated and there was no mention of it in the printout of the proposed Charter.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Ballou, Secretary
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MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2, 1980 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Gordon at 12:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Gordon, Laws, Ballou, Cayton, Caesar, Figone, Grandin, Mayberry, Salarno, Scott, Smith, Wada, Webb. Excused: Costello, Marovich. Staff: Benson, Botka, Bailey. Guests: Michael Pritchard, Juvenile Hall Counselor; Laura Grieneeks, Psychiatric Clinic; Paula Cardaleen, Youth Advocacy Project; Karen Brown, student at University of San Francisco; Kenneth Lam, Denise Yim and Jane Naito, students at San Francisco State University.

Minutes of September 4, 1980 approved as submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS:

From the CYA a report, "Delinquency Prevention: Theories and Strategies;" passed to Commission. From the SF Charter Commission a letter requesting financial support for "Yes on A/Charter Revision;" M/S/C to file. From the Department of Public Health an announcement of "San Francisco Community Health Conference" on October 14; passed to Commission.

JUDGE'S CORNER:

Judge Benson expressed his appreciation and thanks to Commissioners Laws and Cayton for attending the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors meeting with him on October 1 regarding a suitable location for detaining our tougher juveniles (707's). It became apparent at the meeting that there was a good deal of misinformation or lack of information on the part of people in attendance. The Judge advised the Committee that the Court would accept B19 or any suitable, appropriate alternative. A number of alternatives have been discussed and their costs obtained. The Judge, Mr. Botka and staff have looked at all types of options and have narrowed their choices down to three: B19 with some modifications; remodeling of B5 or acquisition of a heavy security-type modular unit. It appears to the Judge at this point in time that a satisfactory resolution of this problem will be worked out. He suspects that the location of this facility may be at the Youth Guidance Center. He has discussed this with the Presiding Judge and the Executive Officer of the Superior Court and the facility will have the type of security per Section 707.1 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. The Judge made it clear to the Committee that we are not only talking about a facility, we are talking about appropriate staff to maintain this particular type of offender. He stated to the Committee and those in attendance that it was not a question of whether or not he would exercise his discretion under Section 707.1--he will. He will try to accommodate the Sheriff

and the City, but if the safety of the community, staff and detainees in Juvenile Hall is threatened, he will act accordingly. Where the funding will come from must be resolved. Commissioner Webb stated that she understood that part of the funding allocated to the Jail Overcrowding Committee was to include making any necessary changes for holding 707's. Commissioner Wada wondered if it wouldn't be better to make modifications at the Youth Guidance Center in view of what is happening across the nation in terms of keeping children out of jails. Judge Benson stated that he has spoken on this issue and that he has issued a statement to the community as to the type of child we are talking about. He has given them specific crimes committed by some of these tough, violent, escape-prone juveniles. In addition, he has learned that the CYA and the federal government have reached agreement in terms of CYA facilities allowing adults and juveniles to remain in visual and auditory contact in certain types of programs. This national cry to keep children out of jail is not as positive as people would believe it to be. The Judge indicated that the Board of Supervisors is acting and moving on this situation so the Commission need not do anything at this time. He will keep the Commission advised on the progress of this item.

Chairman Gordon asked the various guests to introduce themselves and indicate their reasons for attending the meeting. Karen Brown stated that she is a student at USF and that she is attending as part of a public administration course. She is majoring in government and pre-law and plans to go to Hastings next year. Ken Lam, Denise Yim and Jane Naito are students at SF State University and are required to attend a governmental meeting as part of their Asian-American class in order to become familiar with government agencies. Paula Cardaleen informed the Commission that she is the juvenile justice coordinator with the Youth Advocacy Project and is attending for observation purposes. She indicated that she would like to be invited to speak at a future meeting about the project. Judge Benson asked that the Youth Advocacy Project provide the Court with copies of its contracts with the project's various participating agencies.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Chairman Gordon introduced Michael Pritchard, a counselor in Juvenile Hall and recent winner of the San Francisco International Stand-up Comedy Competition.

Mike indicated that he is currently in the process of planning a TV show about working with children in San Francisco and he feels it will be a worthwhile project. He told the TV network people that his idols are the people he works with in Juvenile Hall and they are what social work is all about. They go to work, pay their bills, raise their own kids and try to help these less fortunate ones. He says there is no greater reward than a kid's smile. He pointed out that in this work there are no sudden payoffs and no miracles. Mike, who comes from the Midwest, says that he likes San Francisco and the melting pot of backgrounds here. He then related a couple of incidents where his sense of humor did help in tense situations in Juvenile Hall.

Chairman Gordon thanked Mike for taking the time to talk to the Commission. He reminded Commissioners that Mike would be the master of ceremonies at the Volunteer Auxiliary's benefit variety show on October 17 and urged their

attendance and support. Judge Benson also indicated that the Auxiliary would appreciate the support of the Commission.

REPORTS:

CPO: Mr. Botka reported that he had attended the Sixth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders in Caracas, Venezuela last month. He indicated that it was a very interesting and informative experience.

Mr. Botka reviewed the statistics for Juvenile Hall, Log Cabin and the CYA. He pointed out that six or seven of the commitments to Log Cabin are from other counties and that each of these commitments generates approximately $1,000 a month in revenues for the City.

DPCC: Commissioners Laws and Ballou attended a meeting where the Chief of Police and members of the Junior League were present. Chief Murphy indicated that he would like to have more contact with youths by having the police go back into the schools to talk to them on an informational basis. However, there is no funding for this type of project. The DPCC will try to get funding for a program of this nature. Discussion also centered around exploring the possibility of a diversion program wherein youths would be diverted into community agencies instead of being arrested and taken to Juvenile Hall or placed on formal probation.

Commissioner Laws also attended the DPCC meeting on the Youth Needs Assessment Study. Comments and criticism provided by Judge Benson and Mr. Botka had been incorporated into the final draft of this study. The report was accepted at this meeting. Judge Benson stated that the final draft is radically different from the original draft and that it now has some value and merit. Dr. Grieneeks commented that the study was actually more of a survey than research work and that there is very little hard data. Although what is said is very important, it must be read with these limitations kept in mind.

Juvenile Court: Commissioner Webb stated that this committee would continue to follow the commitment of monitoring the Referees' courts and will continue to monitor the Deputy District Attorney and the Deputy Public Defender and all others who are involved in the administration of justice to children and youth in this Court. This is the goal of the committee as determined at the annual workshop.

Legislative: Commissioner Caesar distributed her legislative report. She pointed out a proposed bill that would give authority to the U.S. Attorney General to take civil action for equitable relief of institutionalized persons when there is reasonable belief that residents are subjected to flagrant conditions which deprive them of rights, privileges and immunities. She also highlighted two proposals, one from the Senate and one from the House, concerning sunset legislation on federal programs and the review of such programs. Commissioner Webb stated that she is familiar with this legislation and indicated that funds will not be chopped off every 10 years but specific programs will be subject to a review for action by the Rules Committee. Commissioner Caesar stated

that Governor Brown had signed into law specifying that English will be the primary language in California. There has been some opposition by some minority groups.

Chairman: Chairman Gordon stated that he had attended the Executive Committee of MCJC and he learned that the Commission is not represented on the Youth Services Task Force. Commissioner Webb indicated that Commissioner Caesar had served on this committee before and recommended her highly for this assignment. Commissioner Caesar thanked Commissioner Webb but advised the Chairman that she felt it was someone else's turn to serve in this capacity. Commissioner Wada stated that there is talk of combining this task force and the AB 90 subcommittee. If that is the case, he would represent the Commission since he is currently a member of the AB 90 subcommittee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Laws advised the Commission that she made a statement before the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors that the Commission is firmly behind Judge Benson in his request for monies to resolve the problem of housing violent, escape-prone juveniles. She had consulted with the other officers of the Commission prior to making the statement.

Commissioner Laws reported on the letter received from San Bernardino County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission regarding the possibility of forming a net work of commissions in California. She suggested we write a letter of interest and ask to be kept posted on developments. It was M/S/C to adopt her recommendation and refer it to the Chairman for response.

Chairman Gordon distributed the proposed by-law amendment. It was M/S/C: "Be it resolved, that all formal reports emanating from the Juvenile Justice Commission shall be submitted to the members of the Commission for approval prior to publishing any said report to the public." This will become Section 4 under Article VIII (Miscellaneous) on page 17 of the By-laws.

Commissioner Laws inquired about whether anything had ever been done in the way of recognition for Lou Maldonado for his service on the Commission. Commissioner Ballou indicated that he was given a plaque and Commissioner Webb said a letter was sent to him expressing appreciation for his years of service.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Scott informed the Commission that a film was being shown at the Bridge Theatre entitled "The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith." He recommended it as a very interesting and informative Australian film concerning the struggles of a youth with society.

Commissioner Figone stated that both he and Mr. Botka are serving on the Advisory Committee of the Red Cross in regard to the New Pride Project. He will make periodic reports to the Commission of his activities and he asked that the material he received at the first meeting be reproduced and distributed to all Commissioners.

Judge Benson informed the Commission that the Grand Jury report had just come out and it was most favorable. He also reported that Log Cabin Ranch has just begun a drug and alcohol abuse program under the direction of Dr. Dieger of the Psychiatric Clinic. It will be monitored and carefully watched.

Commissioner Laws learned about a group foundation center located at 312 Sutter Street which provides a service indicating what foundations exist and what types of projects they like to fund. The contact person is Carol McGilvray, phone 397-0902.

Chairman Gordon expressed the entire Commission's appreciation and thanks to Commissioner Ballou for graciously opening her home for the annual workshop. He also thanked the Commissioners for the good attendance at today's meeting and hoped that the students present found the meeting to be beneficial to their particular studies.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 6, 1980 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Gordon at 12:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Gordon, Laws, Ballou, Cayton, Caesar, Costello, Figone, Grandin, Mayberry, Salarno, Smith. Excused: Marovich, Wada, Webb. Absent: Scott. Staff: Benson, Botka, Foote. Guests: Stephen F. Morin, PhD, Licensed Clinical Psychologist; Sue Saperstein, Marriage-Family Child Therapist; Laura Grieneeks, Psychiatric Clinic; Joan Coyne, Volunteer Auxiliary; Ellen Seligman, Legal Services for Children; Sara Ruddy and Sally Haskell, Coleman Children and Youth Services.

Minutes of October 2, 1980 approved as submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS:

From the CYA an announcement of a conference, "Growing Healthy, Caring for Youth in Detention," to be held December 12-14, 1980, Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove. From the CYA the September-October 1980 issue of their bulletin "Reach Out." October 1980 issue of "California Update," a legislative report. Fall 1980 issue of "Youth Issues," a publication of the San Francisco Youth Advocacy Project. From the CYA "The Youth Action Teams Manual." From the CYA the final report of the 1979-80 legislative status report.

JUDGE'S CORNER:

Judge Benson reported that the members of the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors as well as the City Architect and representatives from Relocatable Confinement Facilities met at the Youth Guidance Center last month to discuss the matter of a security unit for the violent, escape-prone juveniles. The proposed unit would be adjacent to the girls' unit in Juvenile Hall and would be a six-bed facility that is designed to prevent escapes. There will be audio and electronic surveillance surrounding the unit and there will be an outdoor recreation area with security fencing. He expects to make a formal presentation to the Finance Committee within the next few weeks and feels the Board will be receptive to this alternative. The Judge hopes that this facility, which has been needed since July 1979, will be available for use by February or March 1981. The Judge has also talked with Mr. Botka and Mr. Foote about establishing a procedure whereby only the violent, escape-prone juveniles will be housed in this unit and not just any detainee for any reason.

Although the idea of contracting out Log Cabin Ranch was supposedly defeated before the Board of Supervisors, there still seems to be some talk of

contracting the Ranch out. The Judge will be attending a meeting on November 7 to discuss this matter and hopefully put it to rest.

The EDP program for controlling dependency reviews and placements is progressing well and a substantial point to consider is ensuring that a very reliable individual will be responsible for putting all the information into the computer, keeping it up-to-date and purging when necessary. Unless this critical aspect is taken care of properly, the program will not succeed. The Judge indicated that he may call on the Commission for their support on this issue.

Judge Benson announced that he has been invited to speak at the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association meeting on November 20. Some time back he wrote a letter to Chairman Gordon about establishing a "big brother" system between lawyers and Log Cabin Ranch graduates. He will be presenting his idea to this group and hopes they will be receptive. During the graduation review before him, the Judge finds that he is sending Ranch graduates who have had their viewpoints changed and are ready to accept responsibilities in the community right back into the bad environment from which they came without any strong support to help them through the transition. He feels that the lawyers are blessed with success, intelligence and enthusiasm and could make a real difference in whether these boys make something out of their lives or wind up in trouble again.

Chairman acknowledged the guests attending the meeting.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Commissioner Grandin introduced the guest speakers, Sue Saperstein, a marriage-family child therapist, and Dr. Stephen Morin, a licensed clinical psychologist, who would be talking on the special needs of sexual minority youth, especially in the area of housing. Commissioner Grandin explained that sexual minority youth is defined to include gay and lesbian youth, prostitutes, victims of sexual abuse and others whose sexual preferences place them in a "minority" status. She also distributed to the Commissioners a report on the findings of a questionnaire prepared by Sexual Minority Youth Service Coalition on attitudes and availability of placement for sexual minority youth.

Dr. Morin stated that over the past several years there has been concern with the number of social-psychological issues relating to gay people and a continuing problem brought forth is gay youth. He would like to see some type of program established along the same lines as Judge Benson's idea for Ranch graduates and lawyers getting together, such as placing gay youth with gay foster parents or big brothers and big sisters.

Sue Saperstein indicated that in 1976 gay and street youth became a local public issue when merchants on Polk Street brought the situation to the attention of officials in City Hall. In working with these youth in an outreach program of education and advocacy, it was discovered that these youth had multi-issue problems: no jobs, family breakdown, out of school or school problems, abuse, neglect, running away. Results of a questionnaire circulated to various

placement agencies indicated that there is a severe lack of services for these youth and the main needs were jobs, medical care and housing. She stressed the importance of agencies being willing to see the problem of sexual minority youth and the need to regard these youth with sensitivity and positivity. Because these youth have been rejected by their own families, there is a need to find alternative families for them that will provide a home where there is acceptance, responsible love and understanding. Ms. Saperstein recommended that the Court regard these youth with sensitivity and positivity; use Huckleberry House and Hospitality House as resources in these cases; develop a policy to allow gay identified youth to be placed in gay homes. She also indicated that there is a group home in Sacramento accepting gay youth.

Judge Benson stated that the Court is acutely aware of and sensitive to this problem. He had such a case and made an effort to determine the availability of resources to handle this particuple type of problem and found that in San Francisco it was literally nil. He did learn of a facility in Los Angeles, though, and made arrangements for placement, which were delayed due to a waiting list. A few days before transporting the youth to this facility, the youth ran away. He had selected this facility because the program essentially recognized the problem and the program was run in such a manner that the youth was handled in a way where he could begin to make a determination of his own as to what kind of life style he wanted to choose for himself. Once the choice was made by the youth, he would then be counseled as to what it meant and how best to handle the situation. The Judge felt this sounded like a very favorable program but never was able to see it firsthand because of the youth running away. Sue Saperstein informed the Judge that this facility has now closed but she did not know the reasons for closing. The Judge said it was unfortunate because he had wanted Mr. Boyle to be a guest speaker at a Commission meeting sometime to present his program.

Dr. Morin agreed that this facility sounded like a place where exploration was encouraged. He stated that in so many placements the reason the youth is placed in that particular home or environment is that a decision has been made on the final outcome rather than supporting exploration. He also said that in many foster homes the parents (heterosexual) are not allowing the gay youth out to socialize and they are punished for their actions of such a life style.

Discussion then centered around placing gay youth in gay foster homes vs. heterosexual foster homes. Both Dr. Morin and Ms. Saperstein indicated that the youth should make such a determination. The Judge and many Commissioners felt that this should be the judgment of the Court and not that of a child.

REPORTS:

Volunteer Auxiliary: Joan Coyne reported that the benefit variety show realized $5,000 and was a terrific success. She thanked the Commission for its support.

Chief Probation Officer: Mr. Botka indicated that he received a request from the Volunteer Auxiliary to use the Airplane Room during the month of December for wrapping Christmas gifts. He asked the Commission if they would

meet in the main conference room for their December meeting. It was M/S/C to allow the Auxiliary use of the Airplane Room.

The Grand Jury report requires a response and Mr. Botka asked for input from the Commission unless they wished to make their own response. He indicated that he would need the response by the end of November.

On July 1, 1980 legislation mandated that counselors and probation officers are to receive training on a regular basis--200 hours for new employees and 40 hours each year thereafter. The program allocates $304 per employee per year and will go into effect in January. The Probation Department is in the process of lining up courses.

Project New Pride is progressing well and the Court has referred 50 youth to the program. The "bugs" are being worked out and another 50 youth will be referred in the near future. Mr. Botka suggested that Dr. Howard, director of the program, might be interested in speaking to the Commission.

The Mayor's Office has established a community service program wherein youth probationers are involved in the cleanup of parks and neighborhoods under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and the Recreation and Parks Department.

Institutions: Commissioner Salarno apologized for the lack of representation at the inspection of Juvenile Hall by the CYA earlier this week.

Commissioner Salarno distributed some statistics on Log Cabin Ranch to the Commissioners and indicated that he would have a more detailed report on the Ranch next month.

Legislative: Commissioner Caesar reported on a recent ruling by the State Supreme Court regarding sending youth straight to prison and bypassing the CYA. She indicated that juveniles cannot be given the death sentence but will be sent to the CYA until 23 years of age. She has been seeking out sources for information on legislation affecting youth and has been successful in obtaining newsletters and reports. She did indicate that the Commission could have a lobbyist for approximately $200 a month.

DPCC: Commissioner Laws stated that she attended the monthly meeting that morning. The final report of the Youth Needs Assessment Study was distributed and she indicated that the Commission copy would be on file in the office. The main topic of discussion at the meeting centered around a change in the assignment of cases in the Juvenile Bureau of the Police Department. Up until this point the officers in the bureau specialized in particular categories, i.e., child abuse, robbery, etc. The procedure now will be to assign cases to officers as they come in regardless of type of situation. Lt. Williams, who heads this bureau, feels this is a real step backwards and has written a letter to Chief Murphy. The DPCC will be writing to the Mayor and the Chief protesting this new system.

The Delinquency Prevention Commission is in a position of requesting funding for the rest of the fiscal year and the Juvenile Justice Commission has

been asked to support this request by writing a letter to the Board of Supervisors. It was M/S/C to send a letter of support, subject to the approval of Judge Benson. Chairman Gordon asked Commissioner Laws to draft the letter.

Medical Advisory: Commissioner Smith attended a conference on public health at the request of Judge Benson. He indicated that the discussions centered around the Department of Public Health's budget and how the monies should be spent. At one point someone did state that there should be adequate medical facilities for jails and the Juvenile Hall.

Chairman: Chairman Gordon again stressed the importance of a more equitable distribution and assumption of responsibility for Commission activities and representation at various meetings. He emphasized that should any Commissioner find that he cannot cover a meeting as planned, he should contact another Commissioner or the Chairman so that other arrangements can be made.

In response to Mr. Botka's request for input into the response to the 1979-80 Civil Grand Jury Report, Chairman Gordon assigned the following Commissioners to review and evaluate the probation standards developed by the Chief Probation Officers of California and to submit a report to him by November 21.

Chapter I	Commissioner Figone
Chapter II	Commissioner Webb
Chapter III	Commissioner Laws
Chapter IV	Commissioner Grandin
Chapter V	Commissioner Marovich
Chapter VI	Commissioner Salarno
Chapter VII	Commissioner Mayberry

Chairman Gordon indicated that he would review Recommendation No. 2 under the heading "Juvenile Court" concerning plea bargaining and confer with the Judge.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Gordon stated that he would report on SB 1928 at the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MINUTES OF DECEMBER 4, 1980 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Gordon at 12:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Gordon, Laws, Ballou, Cayton, Caesar, Costello, Marovich, Mayberry, Smith. Excused: Figone, Grandin, Salarno, Wada, Webb. Staff: Benson, Botka, Foote. Guests: Mimi Silbert, PhD, Delancey Street Foundation; Joan Coyne, Volunteer Auxiliary; Sue Kaplan, Youth Advocacy Project; Auristela Frias, Shelley List and Diane Silver, Delancey Street Foundation; Mimi Wong, student, San Francisco State University.

Minutes of November 6, 1980 approved as submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Invitation to the 1980 Freedom Awards Reception, December 17, 1980, 624 Taylor Street. Memorandum from Delinquency Prevention Commission advising that they received funding for the remainder of fiscal year and thanking Juvenile Justice Commission for support in effort. Letter from Chief Probation Officers of California advising that their probation standards are only suggestions to be used to provide guidelines and are not hard and fast rules. Letter from CYA advising that Juvenile Hall has been inspected and is approved for confinement of minors. Announcement from Children's Hospital of an opening for Director of Comprehensive Child Crisis Services.

Chairman Gordon acknowledged the guests attending the meeting.

UDGE'S CORNER:

Judge Benson informed the Commission that his request to the Youth Advocacy Project for copies of their contracts with community groups and agencies as been turned down. Sue Kaplan of the Youth Advocacy Project indicated that he Judge's request was still under consideration.

The Judge stated that recently Frank Moran and Teresa Lathrop had attended a meeting of the Sexual Minority Coalition wherein they participated as panel mbers to discuss public issues relating to status offenders. Reports received om these two staff persons indicates to the Judge that this particular meeting as nothing less than a forum to represent a particular point of view and was ost unfair in presentation and content. Judge Benson stated that the Court and Probation staff will not participate in any meetings or discussions where a just a fair hearing or presentation cannot be agreed upon.

Judge Benson announced that he has sent a letter to Mr. Sarsfield requesting certain information and full DSS cooperation for the implementation of the judicial review of problem dependency cases. The Judge is hopeful this review system will go into operation January 8 or 15.

Judge Benson is concerned about the amount of time he has available to dedicate to major issues in the City regarding youth, the Court and probation. The quality and quantity of serious offenses he is required to hear is unbelievable. He has written to Judge Constine requesting some relief and has outlined the major issues that this Court should be dealing with and why some judging assistance is needed. Judge Benson indicated to the Commission the priority items he relayed to Judge Constine. Not in order of priority, they are: 1) maximum security facility for violent, escape-prone youth; 2) consideration by the Mayor's office to contract out Log Cabin Ranch, a proposal that the Court strongly opposes; 3) EDP program to permit judicial review of dependency cases; 4) review of status offender program in terms of upgrading; 5) problems at McAuley relative to Medi-Cal standards now being applied to juvenile patients; 6) attempt on State level to take Probation Department out of dependency and place solely in hands of DSS; 7) creation of an on-going substance abuse counseling program at Log Cabin Ranch; 8) review of Log Cabin Ranch program in terms of what the Ranch program should be doing and can be doing for youth placed there; 9) proposal with San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association to establish a "big brother" type program for certain category of youth who need and can respond to role models; 10) establishing a program at Log Cabin Ranch on quarterly basis where individuals who have gone through the Ranch, CYA and State institutions, as well as those who have graduated from the Ranch and become successful individuals, will come to the Ranch and talk to the boys and help them understand what it is like to make the right or wrong decisions in life; 11) need to give more attention to the Juvenile Justice Commission; 12) surveillance of physical and sexual abuse of youth and determining what DSS is doing about licensing and pursuing abuse reports. Judge Benson has indicated to Judge Constine that he would like a trial judge to take over some of the calendar as well as interim relief so the Judge can attend to important correspondence and meetings, administrative responsibilities and programs. He has also requested permanent relief from the Mental Health calendar.

Commissioner Mayberry inquired about the response of the Trial Lawyers Association to Judge Benson's "big brother" proposal. Judge Benson stated that he received an excellent response.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Chairman Gordon introduced Dr. Mimi Silbert, Co-President and Executive Director of Delancey Street Foundation, who has a PhD in psychology and criminal psychology.

Dr. Silbert reported on the results of an intensive, four-hour long interview, individually administered to 200 women street prostitutes in San Francisco on prostitution and sexual assault. The results are alarming and contradict commonly held viewpoints on prostituion from many aspects. Excessive victimization, physical and sexual abuse and learned helplessness, coupled with the

young ages and disturbed backgrounds of the women, produce a distressing portrait of women trapped in a lifestyle they do not want, yet feel unable to leave.

Seventy percent of the women currently prostituting were under 21; almost 60% were 16 years or under, with some being 10 and 11 years old. Seventy-eight percent report that they started prostitution as juveniles; 68% were 16 or younger when they started. Sixty-nine percent participating in the study were white; 18% black; 11% Hispanic; 2% American Indian; 1% Asian. Although two thirds of the women were from families with average or higher incomes, the vast majority currently prostituting (88%) described themselves as "very poor" or "just making it."

While the majority of the women came from middle class, educated families where they were given a religious upbringing (76% attended church regularly or attended a church school), there were extreme family problems existing beneath the surface. More than half reported that one or more of their parents drank excessively while they were growing up; well over half had immediate family members abusing drugs regularly; in 51% of the families, the woman saw her father hit her mother violently; 62% of the women were themselves beaten by their families. Only 19% reported they had a positive relationship with their fathers and less than a third reported having positive relationships with their mothers. The average number of home problems mentioned for each woman was 7.3, the majority of which were physical, emotional and sexual abuse.

About 61% were victims of incest and child sexual abuse, from the ages of 3 to 16 (average age was 10). Seventy percent of the cases involved repeated abuse by the same person. Two thirds were abused by natural, step or foster fathers; 10% were molested by strangers.

One percent felt good about the experience. All others reported extremely negative emotional and physical impacts from the abuse. Over 90% lost their virginity through such child sexual abuse, but in 91% of the cases, the woman felt there was nothing she could do, no one she could tell. Only 1% of the cases were brought to the attention of professionals and only 3% were reported to police. Seventy percent reported that the sexual exploitation affected their decision to become prostitutes.

About 96% of the juvenile prostitutes were runaways before they began prostituting. The vast majority stated that they had no other options when they began prostitution.

Victimization of prostitutes as part of their work is very high. Seventy percent were victimized by customer rapes or clients similarly going beyond the work contract an average of 31 times each woman. The majority were victimized by such things as non-payment, robbery and violence. Seventy-eight percent reported being victimized by perversion an average of 17 times each; two thirds reported having been physically abused and beaten many times by customers; two thirds reported having been physically abused and beaten regularly by their pimps.

Contrary to the belief that "prostitutes can't be raped," 73% were raped totally unrelated to the work situation and an additional 6% were victims of

attempted rapes. The vast majority of rapes were committed by total strangers, most were violent, almost all reported serious physical injuries as a result of the rape and all reported extremely negative emotional impact. In only 7% of the rapes did the women seek out services for any kind of assistance, support, counseling or advocacy and only 7% of the rapes were reported to the authorities.

The victimization, learned helplessness and isolation of these women is extreme. Of some hope is the fact that 98% stated they would use services such as individual and group counseling and a 24-hour hot line if these were provided by former prostitutes in non-judgmental settings. Delancey Street has recently begun such services and the response has been overwhelming.

Chairman Gordon expressed the Commission's very enthusiastic appreciation for Dr. Silbert's most enlightening talk and for taking the time to share her findings and thoughts with us.

REPORTS:

Chief Probation Officer: Mr. Botka distributed a statistical report on the admissions to the Ranch, Hall and CYA. Admissions were up 10% in October and November in Juvenile Hall and this is usual at this time of year.

A new research and program coordinator has been hired. Her name is Sandra Clayborn and Mr. Botka will bring her to the January meeting.

Reports were received from the CYA on their annual inspections of Juvenile Hall and Log Cabin Ranch. The report for the Hall was good but the Ranch received some low marks in general housekeeping. A better maintenance plan is being established at the Ranch so that next year's inspection will not be a problem. The basic housekeeping problems have already been corrected. Mr. Botka indicated he would make this inspection report available to the Commission for the Institutions Committee.

Recently the Mayor's Office developed a community work program wherein adult and juvenile probationers would participate in the cleaning up of parks and roadways on Saturdays. Youth ordered by the court to this work, or youth working off traffic fines, have been working with the Recreation and Parks Department in cleaning up the parks. The individual assigned to transport youth to the sites and supervise them knows many of the youth and has established quite a rapport with them. The Volunteer Auxiliary has provided work gloves for this project.

The City has accepted 100% money from the State of California for the training of probation staff.

Mr. Botka distributed the Juvenile Court's affirmative action program, which was approved by the Civil Service Commission. Chairman Gordon indicated to Mr. Botka that he would like to have Mr. Cain speak to the Commission on the program at the January meeting.

Due to the landslide at Log Cabin Ranch in February of this year, a number of trees had fallen or had to be removed. A lumber company was called in to

accomplish this work. The City realized $39,000, which will be credited to the Juvenile Court.

DPC: Commissioner Caesar attended the hearing concerning funding the Delinquency Prevention Commission. The speakers were very well organized and the hearing was well attended with many letters of recommendation coming in throughout the meeting. She heard that Supervisor Molinari was indicating that there would be no problem with the funding. However, she also heard that Supervisor Renee had some reservations. Commissioner Laws stated that the Delinquency Prevention Commission did get funded for the remainder of the fiscal year but that the Supervisors would be looking at continued funding very closely.

DPCC: Commissioner Laws attended the meeting this morning and much of the discussion concerned the network conference to be held January 14. The rest of the meeting was directed toward the Youth Needs Assessment Study. She indicated that five new task forces--Employment, Education, Family, Recreation, Juvenile Justice--have been set up as a result of the primary needs listed in the study.

A report was given by the Juvenile Task Force Chairman on changes in the Juvenile Division of the Police Department. Another and lengthy report was given on the Street Youth Task Force of the DPCC and what its primary purpose is. Judge Benson stated that this task force grew out of a discussion he had with individuals involved with the Youth Needs Assessment Study when he indicated that he would sit down and talk with anybody concerning the problems of status offenders. Judge Benson feels that the group lacks a balance in its viewpoint and that it needs to better define its areas of concern.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Chairman Gordon stated that of the chapters of the Probation Standards assigned to various Commissioners, he is waiting on five reports. The Chairman indicated that when all reports are in, he will disseminate them to the Commission for review and discussion. Judge Benson stated that he would like to participate in the review and discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Gordon talked to Commissioner Scott and expressed his concern about Commissioner Scott's inability to more actively participate on the Commission. Commissioner Scott agreed he had a very busy schedule and tendered his resignation effective December 1. Chairman Gordon urged the Judge to fill the seat with some minority not represented on the Commission. Judge Benson asked the Commissioners for input and suggestions. In concert with this appointment, Chairman Gordon pointed out that SB 1928, which is effective January 1981, calls for at least two appointments to the Commission of individuals between the ages of 14 and 21.

Chairman Gordon announced that due to the holiday on January 1, the Commission meeting will be held on January 8.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 1981 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Gordon at 12:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Gordon, Laws, Ballou, Cayton, Caesar, Figone, Grandin, Salarno, Smith, Wada, Webb. Excused: Costello, Marovich, Mayberry. Staff: Benson, Botka, Cain, Moran. Guests: Rotea Gilford, Executive Director, Mayor's Criminal Justice Council; Joan Coyne, Volunteer Auxiliary; Sue Kaplan and Ron Delucca, Youth Advocacy Project; Sara Ruddy, Coleman Children & Youth Services.

Minutes of December 4, 1980 approved as submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Announcement of fourth annual conference, Network of Services to Families, Children and Youth in San Francisco, January 14, SF State University. Announcement of legislative symposium on care and services for California's young children and their families, January 27, Sacramento Community Center. From the State Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission a copy of the reauthorization bill for the federal juvenile justice and delinquency prevention act. November-December issue of CYA's Reach Out. Announcement of program on the care of the elderly in the British Welfare State, July 14-August 1, England. December issue of Youth Issues. Offer to subscribe to Corrections Magazine.

Chairman Gordon acknowledged the guests attending the meeting.

JUDGE'S CORNER:

Judge Benson pointed out that AB 1374, which deals with the subject of open hearings for juveniles, became law on January 1, 1981. The Judge became aware of this situation this morning when four juveniles walked into detention court. When they were asked to leave, they stated that the law now allows the public to sit in on juvenile hearings. The Judge feels that this is very bad legislation and definitely thinks some age limit should be established. He will be contacting the Speaker of the Assembly regarding this matter.

Judge Benson indicated that he read an article in the December issue of Youth Issues, publication of the Youth Advocacy Project, concerning Supervisor Nancy Walker's viewpoints on child welfare and juvenile justice. She states that she favors an outside group coming to San Francisco to evaluate its juvenile detention practices and feels that the Delinquency Prevention Commission could take an active role in this. The Judge stated that the juvenile detention

practices in the City are mandated by law and are supervised by the Judge of the Juvenile Court and the Juvenile Justice Commission. He does not know whether Supervisor Walker is asking for an evaluation for the sake of having an evaluation or whether she has some knowledge about detention practices that are inappropriate. He suggested that the Commission contact Supervisor Walker to determine if she has some information that we do not, and he indicated that perhaps the Commission would want to undertake an evaluation of the juvenile detention practices. Commissioner Wada stated that the appropriate committees should meet, discuss the matter and come in with a recommendation to the Commission. Commissioner Webb moved that the matter of Supervisor Walker's proposal for an evaluation of the detention facilities' practices be referred to the Juvenile Court Committee and the Institutions Committee; the Juvenile Court Committee to review practices and procedures and the Institutions Committee to review and evaluate the Juvenile Hall and bring reports to the February meeting. M/S/C.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Chairman Gordon introduced Rotea Gilford, Executive Director of the Mayor's Criminal Justice Council.

Mr. Gilford stated that he has been part of the justice system for some 20 years and has been the Executive Director of MCJC for the past three years. His goal three years ago was to bring about the needed coordination of public and private justice agencies and he finds that he is still attempting to do so now. The lack of coordination, trust and understanding among agencies inhibits working together effectively toward a common goal.

Based on statistics it is clear that we have been failing the youth of our city. Three years ago 47% of all violent crime was committed by juveniles; today it is up to 64%. Some of this is based on the system's fault because instead of preplanning, we are reacting to statements, accusations and actions. Funds provided by the state and federal governments seldom are enough to provide any real alternatives to crime. So often programs are designed to fail because their main objective has been to provide employment and boost the economy. In the next fiscal year San Francisco will be appropriated $70,000 in juvenile justice funds, but this amount will not fund any program for one year and because it must be spent in a particular manner, it will not result in any meaningful benefit to our youth. Funding resources are diminishing all the time and it is very important to be on the look out for new sources of funding. It is also vital that programs not providing a positive service to the community be discontinued as they are only a waste of money and a waste of lives.

Mr. Gilford stressed the importance of agencies working together and used as an example the problem of a facility for 707's. The matter should be openly discussed by the departments and agencies involved in order to come up with a solution that will meet the needs. He stated that perhaps the women's facility in San Bruno might be a possibility in that it is underutilized at present. Judge Benson indicated that he was not aware of this alternative and stated he would be interested in checking it out. Commissioner Webb pointed out that in the latter part of 1979 she had arranged with Sheriff Brown to tour both City

Prison and the San Bruno facility to determine the feasibility of using them for 707's. She did tour City prison, but due to some mix-up she did not get an opportunity to see the San Bruno facility. Mr. Gilford indicated that another major area of concern in juvenile justice is the status offender and the need for shelter care and programs. This is something that perhaps the community and the Juvenile Court could work on jointly by running a group home together to benefit the youth.

Commissioner Grandin asked whether there was anything specific that Mr. Gilford would like the Commission to do. Mr. Gilford stated that he had some ideas and would put them in writing to the Commission. Chairman Gordon asked how MCJC views the Juvenile Justice Commission. Mr. Gilford stated that the people who sit on MCJC, the Delinquency Prevention Commission, this Commission and the other agencies don't think a lot about each other because there is no real communication or sharing of information among these groups. Commissioner Laws indicated that the reports and evaluations prepared by MCJC on programs and projects funded through MCJC would be of interest to the Commission and requested that the Commission be added to the mailing list. Mr. Gilford stated that the Judge, Mr. Botka and the Chairman of the Commission, as members of the Executive Committee of MCJC, receive these reports but would add the Commission to the list.

Chairman Gordon thanked Mr. Gilford for speaking to the Commission and extended an invitation to him to attend the meetings as often as possible.

REPORTS:

Affirmative Action Program: Warren Cain, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, informed the Commission that work on the Court's affirmative action program began approximately eight months ago. Civil Service stated that each department must have an effective affirmative action program or it would mean a loss of funds to the City. The Juvenile Court was the first department to submit its report and the first to have it approved. The Juvenile Court has 306 employees, broken down by race: 198 white, 69 Black, 20 Hispanics, 16 Asians and 5 Filipinos, of which 64% are males and 36% females. We are over represented in white and Black and under represented in Hispanics and Asians, and it will be up to the department to bring in more Hispanics and Asians. Mr. Cain pointed out that aside from statistics, the people who work here get along well, lunch together, socialize with one another and so on. All youth and families served by the Court are treated equally; there is no favortism based on wealth, background or race.

Youth Advocacy Project: Sue Kaplan, staff coordinator for Sexual Minority Youth Coalition and active in the Youth Advocacy Project, wished to clear up some misunderstandings concerning a recent forum on status offenders. She stated that the forum was not a "set-up" with a prejudiced viewpoint and that staff from the Court were not mistreated. The intent of the forum was to sponsor an event which would be informational and educational and to get a well-rounded group. Members from the Court and community as well a youth who have been through the system were invited to participate. She stated that in keeping with Mr. Gilford's remarks, providing a positive service to the youth is the

bottom line and what is needed is cooperation among agencies. She indicated that there is a video tape of the forum available to anyone interested and stated that there will be another forum on status offenders in the near future.

Chief Probation Officer: Mr. Botka provided statistics for the month of December as well as totals for the year of 1980. Commissioner Wada noted that the av rage length of stay for status offenders was quite high for the month of December. Mr. Botka indicated that he would check the figure out and report back on it at the February meeting.

Legislative: Commissioner Caeasr said she had been checking out various legislative periodicals available that may be of some benefit to the Commission. Judge Benson indicated that he would check out the funding sources within the Superior Court for possible subscription. The Judge also informed the Commission that there were several peices of legislation that are extremely meaningful in how this State will go re youthful offenders. One deals with lowering the age of a child to be handled as an adult offender to age 14 and to adopt the New York standards of treating youth as adult offenders at the age of 16.

Probation Services: Commissioner Grandin stated that the Committee has been focusing on the problems of sexual minority youth. The guest speakers in November and December discussed the gay-identified youth and the prostitutes, but another area not spoken to is the youth from out of the state who are not entitled to the services of San Francisco County. There are approximately 600 of these youths within the City, of which one-third are prostitutes, one-third gay and one-third sexually abused. It is a real serious problem, but some people feel that there are enough San Francisco youth in need of services without taking on non-residents. Judge Benson stated that he is under the impression that there are hundreds of youth out there but there are only 30 bed spaces available. He asked whether these beds were always full or if the shelters were "looking" for youth. Sue Kaplan indicated that the youth know what places they want to go to and Commissioner Grandin stated that Huckleberry House always has a waiting list. She also said that most places are short term and that at Huckleberry House youth can stay 10 days and the emphasis is on shelter crisis intervention and job placement. Sara Ruddy of Coleman stated that in the Welfare and Institutions Code there is a section defining residence and it basically gives the Court discretion in the matter. Commissioner Wada stated that MCJC had funded two agencies because they claimed to be working with sexual minority youth. They are Hospitality House and Legal Services for Children. He suggested that funding be sought at the federal level since there seems to be money available for programs dealing with runaways. Commissioner Grandin suggested that the recommendations of Sue Saperstein, as presented at the November meeting and as listed in the December issue of Youth Issues, be followed through on and referred to Judge Benson and Mr. Botka to see whether there would be any problems with complying with the recommendations.

Community Liaison: Commissioner Laws indicated that this committee has been meeting and that the next meeting is scheduled for January 22. They are waiting for some information that is going to be provided by Frank Moran which they will be distributing to the entire Commission.

DPC: Commissioner Laws reported that she did not attend the December meeting as it was their Christmas party.

DPCC: A juvenile justice task force was established as a result of the Youth Needs Assessment Study and is by far the most popular task force with many requests for membership. Commissioner Laws suggested that perhaps another Commissioner could attend these meetings and get on this task force and find out what is happening.

Commissioner Laws announced that there will be an all-day network conference on January 14. The panels in the morning will be of great interest, but she felt the workshops in the afternoon would be of more importance. She believes this would be a good opportunity for the Commissioners to get to know the other people working with youth in the City and urged as many Commissioners as possible to attend. Mr. Botka indicated that staff from the status offender units would be attending and would have an informational booth with pamphlets explaining the program at the Youth Guidance Center.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Chairman Gordon indicated that he is still waiting for reports on the various chapters of the Probation Standards developed by the Chief Probation Officers of California from Commissioners Grandin, Marovich and Salarno. He will contact these individuals prior to the February meeting so that the reports can be disseminated as soon as possible.

Chairman Gordon reminded Commissioners that there is a vacancy on the Commission which must be filled with an individual between the ages of 14 and 21. It should be someone who can attend the meetings and become actively involved in Commission activities. He welcomes all suggestions.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 1981 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Gordon at 12:50 p.m. In the absence of Commissioner Ballou, Chairman Gordon asked Commissioner Laws to serve as Secretary Pro Tem.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Gordon, Laws, Cayton, Caesar, Grandin, Marovich, Mayberry, Salerno, Smith, Wada. Excused: Ballou, Costello, Figone, Webb. Staff: Benson, Botka, Cain, Moran, Clayborn. Guests: Dr. Laura Grieneeks, YGC Health Care Services; Sue Kaplan, Youth Advocacy Project; Sherrell Downes, Assistant to Supervisor Louise Renne.

M/S/C to approve January 8, 1981 minutes as submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS:

From the San Francisco Youth Advocacy Project, material pertinent to the discussion about a new secure detention unit in San Francisco.

Chairman Gordon welcomed the guests attending the meeting.

JUDGE'S CORNER:

Judge Benson informed the Commission that he had been meeting with Supervisor Renne's assistant, Sherrell Downes, and on behalf of himself and the Commission expressed appreciation for Supervisor Renne's interest in the problems at the Juvenile Court.

The Judge was happy to announce that the program to put trial lawyers and graduates from Log Cabin Ranch together is beginning to take shape and form. Joyce Ladar, former Deputy District Attorney, is going to act as the "matchmaker" between the lawyers and Jim Licavoli and his staff in lining up youth for this program. These lawyers will establish a friendship, introduce new ideas and open new doors so that these youth will have a better chance to succeed in life. A very fine side effect of this program is the donation of $5,000 to the Volunteer Auxiliary by an attorney who is very much interested in Log Cabin Ranch and its program. This money will be used solely at the discretion of the Director of the Ranch. The Judge is delighted to see this type of support.

Judge Benson and Mr. Botka met with the Mayor and other department heads in the criminal justice system to discuss budgets. The Judge had learned that the Mayor intended to fund the Police Department, District Attorney, Public Defender

and Sheriff's Department 100%. The Judge pointed out to the Mayor that in the last four years while the number of referrals to Juvenile Court had increased by 29.7%, the Court lost 19-20 staff. If these other departments are fully funded, which will increase the work load at the Court, it is vital that the Court is also funded 100%. The Mayor accepted this logic and as a result is requesting a $4.9 million emergency supplemental budget to provide the criminal justice system with the assistance it needs to meet its problems. Of the $4.9 million, $986,000 will be allocated to the Juvenile Court, which will be used for additional staff and a secure facility for 707's. The Mayor will be presenting this emergency measure to the Board of Supervisors next week and it will require a yes vote by nine members of the Board. The Judge stressed the importance of receiving Board approval and suggested that the Commissioners contact the Supervisors and explain how vital their support is in this matter.

Judge Benson stated that he was not stuck on B19 and has so informed all levels of government and the community. He has talked with the Sheriff and the use of the women's facility in San Bruno is out of the question. Should the Mayor's emergency package fail to go through and other efforts to get the modular unit at the Youth Guidance Center fall flat, the Judge has put a reserve on keeping B19 as an option. There has to be a place to put these 707's. A study of the situation by the Department of Public Works recommends remodeling B5, a modular unit or remodeling B5 with separation. Commissioner Wada asked what the Judge meant by separation. The Judge indicated that someone had suggested that an iron gate be used to close off six rooms for the 707's. He stated that this was not practical and would result in "shift" style care. Youth in B5 would have to be locked up when it was time for meals and program for 707's and vice versa. It was also suggested that a concrete and steel structure be built alongside B5, but this would be extremely costly compared to a prefabricated unit. Commissioner Marovich asked what the surrounding counties were doing about the 707 situation. The Judge stated that Santa Clara uses the county jail, but there is no extra space for San Francisco youth. San Mateo has modified an area in their juvenile hall to hold 707's. Contra Costa has a new facility for nine individuals and Alameda utilizes the county jail.

Commissioner Wada asked if any of the positions to be funded with the $986,000 would be bilingual, especially for Chinese and Vietnamese families. Mr. Cain indicated that the department is asking for two designated bilinguals and that we currently have several Chinese and Spanish speaking staff members.

Judge Benson informed the Commission that he will be out for six to eight weeks due to surgery. Judge William Mullins will be taking his place and one of the new judges, Tony Kline, may be at the Youth Guidance Center for a brief period in order to become acquainted with Juvenile Court law and procedures.

Commissioner Grandin inquired about the status of open hearings for juveniles. Judge Benson indicated that there had been another experience of some minors wishing to sit in on a hearing. The Judge pointed out that so far only minors have shown up for these hearings, not adults. He has written a letter to Speaker of the Assembly Willie Brown outlining the law and its deficiencies and is asking that Brown respond in a legislative manner.

REPORTS:

Chief Probation Officer: Mr. Botka reported that there had been an error in the statistics for the month of December. The average length of stay for status offenders was 7 days, not 15.5 days.

Mr. Botka thanked the members of the Commission who offered to standby and go with the Judge and himself if needed to the budget session with the Mayor's Office. As the Judge indicated, the Court has received a favorable response from the Mayor for a well-funded budget.

The Psychiatric Clinic has submitted applications for duug and alcohol counseling programs at Log Cabin Ranch and we are hopeful that their requests will be approved.

The Probation Department is getting into the training program as mandated by SB 924. The program is strongly supported and the department will take full advantage of it in order to upgrade staff and demonstrate what proper and continuing training can do.

Mr. Botka pointed out that Commissioners are receiving copies of the supervisors' staff meeting minutes and encouraged the reading of them in order to be informed on what happens at the Court. Commissioner Grandin referred to the minutes of January 27 wherein it was announced that a member of the YGC Health Care Services will attempt to meet each new detainne to acquaint him with the availability of psychiatric and psychological services and offer him counseling services if he desires. Commissioner Grandin said she believes this is a valuable services but inquired about arrangements for handling the minor's consent to treatment and thought there seemed to be some tricky legal questions regarding the confidentiality of the therapeutic relationship in that context. Dr. Grieneeks indicated that the purpose of the Psychiatric Clinic was to provide services for the child in Juvenile Hall upon admission since confinement often times can be anxiety producing. Her staff has no interest in the adversarial process. Judge Benson stated that lawyers kept track of their clients protection. The Judge and Referees see nothing incriminating and only look at the petition. Psychiatric/psychological and probation social reports are only available to the Judge and Referees at the dispositional stage where they are relevant and germane. The only exception would be if competency is the issue and then the lawyer would want to release such information.

Mr. Botka informed the Commission that the status offender program is being monitored by MCJC re reimbursement through AB 90. MCJC is also studying how this program is serving the community. Harvey Rose's office is doing a cost analysis for budget purposes. The Examiner wanted to talk to runaways and were referred to Huckleberry House. Our programs are constantly being studied or evaluated by a number of groups. If any Commissioner hears something that is obviously erroneous or questions the validity of any statements or information, he should get in touch with Mr. Botka so that the matter can be confirmed or corrected. Judge Benson indicated that Commissioner Laws had heard that San Francisco County locks up more youth than any other county. Statistics revealed that our county is comparable with other large communities. The Judge

stressed the importance of handling statements of this nature by asking who, what, when, where and why. When the correct information is obtained, go back to that individual or group and make sure that they are made aware of it.

Community Liaison: Commissioner Laws reported that her committee met with Judge Benson and Frank Moran and were prepared to attend the departmental budget meetings. She stated that her committee would be actively involved in this process but urged all Commissioners to get in touch with the Supervisors concerning the importance of a high level of funding for the Juvenile Court.

Commissioner Laws referred to the need for a parent's handbook which would outline the services and procedures at the Youth Guidance Center in order to take the mystery out of what happens to youth who come here. Judge Benson had talked to a concerned mother who had no concept of what was happening to her child while he was here and the Judge has asked Mr. Foote to prepare such a handbook. Commissioner Laws requested that the Commission get an opportunity to review such a handbook prior to final printing for the purpose of input.

Commissioners Laws and Ballou met with two women from the Junior League who are very active on the League's juvenile justice committee. The League has prepared a national policy paper on juveniles which Commissioners Laws and Ballou will review before meeting with these women again.

Institutions: Commissioner Salerno reported that the damage caused by the landslide at Log Cabin Ranch approximately one year ago was being cleaned up. Fallen trees have been cut up and the wood sold, providing the City with a substantial amount of money.

Statistics reveal that between 1979 and 1980, there has been a 10% increase in commitments to the Ranch. Commissioner Salerno felt that this is possibly due to community pressure to commit youth to local facilities rather than to the Youth Authority, which was the original concept behind building the Ranch.

Juvenile Court: Commissioner Wada reported that the committee spent an entire day at the Court last week. Commissioners Webb, Smith and Wada spent the morning visiting the various courtrooms. At noon they met with Judge Benson and Mr. Botka and exchanged information and asked questions. In the afternoon they met with Emile Urbiztondo, Supervisor of the Court Officers Unit, as well as with Greg Bonfilio of the Public Defender's Office and Harry Clifford of the District Attorney's Office. At the end of the day they got together and exchanged ideas and information and formulated a list of further questions.

Commissioner Smith was favorably impressed with the courtroom procedure. There seemed to be a happy medium of formality which showed proper respect for the Court yet did not overwhelm the youth. The Probation Department, Public Defender and District Attorney had differences of opinion as to what proper procedures might be, but they all agreed that an additional judge was needed. Mr. Bonfilio specifically referred to a section of AB 3121 that states at least half of the judicial officers hearing cases before the Juvenile Court should be judges. He indicated that San Francisco County was the only one not complying with this piece of legislation. Judge Benson stated that in Los Angeles County

they have a backlog of almost five years between the time of filing and the time of trial and numerous associates problems. San Francisco chose to resolve the problem by having the Judge try the major cases and the Referees the lesser cases. Judge Benson thought that the Public Defender, District Attorney and Court had come to a satisfactory agreement in the matter. Judge Benson stated that it would be good to have two judges at the Juvenile Court so one could handle the hearings and the other could handle policy as well as hearings. There are only 27 Superior Court Judges. Eight are assigned to criminal matters and one to the Juvenile Court. The remaining judges must handle all of the civil litigation, which in San Francisco is exceptionally lengthy, sophisticated and complex. By way of example, the Civil Division currently has five cases under way in which trial time is estimated at two to four months.

Commissioner Wada stated that he had observed the hearings in Referees Gargano and Deriman's courtrooms. Both men were very careful and very patient in describing rights and charges, yet it appeared that the youth really didn't understand all the time. He suggested that perhaps the legal terms could be broken down so youth would be able to understand better. Commissioner Wada pointed out that there had been a delay of approximatley 20 minutes because a witness didn't show up. He questioned whether this responsibility belonged to the Court Officer or the District Attorney and felt that it should be clarified. He met with Emile Urbiztondo, who gave a concise explanation of the Court Officers Unit and provided a written report. Mr. Urbiztondo indicated that his unit had a very hectic role of bringing youth from the detention cottages to the courtrooms, which takes time and sometimes causes delays. He did point out that the bailiffs were most cooperative in this area. Commissioner Wada suggested that perhaps some money could be provided to have paraprofessionals escort youth to and from the detention cottages, but Mr. Urbiztondo did not think it was a good idea and he had no suggestions on how to change the current system.

Commissioner Wada indicated that the Public Defender would like to see a standard petition form developed for the purpose of uniformity and also suggested that a manual of court procedures would be most helpful. The District Attorney stated that an additional judge is desperately needed and that the Commission should make every effort to get one assigned to the Juvenile Court. He also stated that he felt the three Referees were good, sensitive, knew the law and how to conduct court hearings but were not always acceptable to the District Attorney for hearing cases. Problems arise when Judge Benson's calendar is full. Time spent going to City Hall and getting a judge to hear a case merely prolongs the process and wastes time.

Commissioner Wada observed that plea bargaining on charges does happen. He expressed his concern that police sometimes overcharge or place multiple charges on youth as well as charging a felony where a misdemeanor would suffice. Judge Benson stated that plea bargaining is as much a part of Juvenile Court as it is a part of adult court and that it is not an offensive concept. Frequently the District Attonrey will not be in a position to prove behond a reasonable doubt the allegations of the charge and in those instances he will offer a lesser offense in order to get something, and for the most part the plea will be accepted because the Public Defender knows his client is guilty of the charge and it is merely a question of proof. There must be a factual basis for the charge and the youth must understand what he is being charged with and the consequences of his act.

Chairman: Chairman Gordon named Commissioners Laws and Caesar to the By-laws Review Committee and indicated that their report should be submitted in writing to the Commissioners by March 15 for approval at the April meeting.

Chairman Gordon indicated that perhaps Commissioners Wada and Marovich, who work with youth, might be able to suggest some individuals for appointment to the vacant position on the Commission. Judge Benson stated that he had some names of youth, all of whom are under 18. He pointed out that it will not be easy to find a youth commissioner who will be able to be a real active member of the Commission. Commissioner Cayton stated that he had talked to Lefty Gordon of Youth For Service and Mr. Gordon agreed to see what he could to to help.

Chairman Gordon excused himself from the meeting due to an appointment and turned the meeting over to Vice Chairman Laws.

Vice Chairman Laws pointed out that it would be necessary to extend the meeting time. It was M/S/C to extend the meeting by ten meetings.

Legislative: Commissioner Caesar reported that the bilingual education bill she had reported on at a previous meeting finally passed with some reservations. It seems that there may be some conflict between federal law and California law and as a result bilingual education may be disallowed.

Commissioner Caesar has researched a number of periodicals dealing with legislative matters and has decided that "On the Capitol Doorsteps" and "Legislative Update" would be beneficial. Judge Benson advised Commissioner Caesar to submit the material to Mr. Botka so that a subscription can be placed.

Probation Services: Commissioner Grandin reported on an item discussed at the January meeting concerning sexual minority youth. Legal Services for Children and Hospitality House were identified as agencies receiving AB 90 funding to help meet the needs of sexual minority youth. Commissioner Grandin contacted Russ Zellers of Hospitality House and Carole Brill of Legal Services for Children, who reported that both receive AB 90 money to deal with 601 youth but there is no specific mention of services for sexual minority youth in their funding contracts, although many of their clients are both 601 youth and sexual minority youth. Commissioner Grandin read a letter from Carole Brill, who points out that Legal Services for Children is not required to target sexual minority youth. Russ Zellers of Hospitality House stated that funding they receive allows them to keep their doors open and contribute to the maintenance of three beds at the Central YMCA, but the money they receive is not enough to deal with the magnitude of youth needs.

Commissioner Grandin also responded to Judge Benson's question raised at last month's meeting wherein a staff member of Huckleberry House is authorized to license foster homes. Mr. Botka stated that certain community based agencies who have access to professional individuals such as psychologists and social workers are authorized to license their own foster homes, which is the case for RAP and Youth Advocates.

DPC: Vice Chairman Laws indicated that Commissioner Costello had attended the DPC meeting and had spoken on behalf of Judge Benson as to the need for a more secure facility for the more violent youth at Juvenile Hall.

DPCC: Vice Chairman Laws reported that she had attended the DPCC meeting and that many individuals have signed up to be on the juvenile justice task force, including five members of the DPC and only two members of the Juvenile Justice Commission. She stated that the Commission should be more fully represented in order to be informed and have a strong voice. The other task forces--employment, recreation, family, education--should have Commission representation as well. Various Commissioners inquired about the meeting place and time of these various task forces. Vice Chairman Laws indicated that she would get that information and pass it along to all Commissioners. Commissioner Grandin agreed to attend the family task force and Commissioner Cayton agreed to attend the employment task force.

Vice Chairman Laws told the Commission that Commissioner Costello would be out for three months due to surgery and that the Commission would need representation at the DPC meetings on the third Tuesday. Commissioner Caesar agreed to be an alternate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Mayberry reported that the conference, "Network of Services to Families, Children and Youth in San Francisco," held at San Francisco State last month was well attended and national, state and local points of view were represented.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sandra Clayborn, who is compiling the Juvenile Court's annual report, would like to receive the Commission's report for inclusion. She asked that this report be in by March 15. Chairman Gordon has volunteered to prepare this report.

Commissioner Grandin reminded the Commission that the annual committee reports are due in April.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MINUTES OF MARCH 5, 1981 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Gordon at 12:45 p.m. In the absence of Commissioner Ballou, Chairman Gordon asked Commissioner Laws to serve as Secretary Pro Tem.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Gordon, Laws, Cayton, Caesar, Figone, Grandin, Mayberry, Salerno, Smith. Excused: Ballou, Costello, Marovich, Wada. Absent: Webb. Staff: Botka, Cain, Foote, Moran. Guests: Hon. Anthony Kline, Superior Court; Joan Coyne, Volunteer Auxiliary; Sue Kaplan and Jean Spurr, Youth Advocacy Project; Karen Moghtader, student UC Berkeley.

The minutes of February 5, 1981, were approved with the following correction. Page six, fourth paragraph, second sentence should read: "It was M/S/C to extend the meeting by ten minutes."

COMMUNICATIONS:

Memo from the Fresno County Juvenile Justice Commission re national standards for the administration of juvenile justice. Minutes of the February meeting of the DPCC. January-February issue of CYA "Reach Out." Winter issue of CYA "Quarterly." Letter from the San Joaquin County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission re AB 74 urging support of the bill; referred to the Legislative Committee. Letter from Jacquelyn Hopkins re starting a coalition in the Sunset to solve problems of vandalism, theft and street intimidation. Invitation from the Alameda County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission to participate in a regional meeting on March 11; Commissioner Grandin will attend.

Chairman Gordon acknowledged the guests in attendance.

JUDGE'S CORNER:

Judge Kline introduced himself and indicated that he has been on the Superior Court for about four months. He has been hearing criminal cases as well as civil cases and is eager to learn about juvenile court law. Due to Judge Benson's illness, Judge Kline has become involved in the issue of a facility for violent juvenile offenders (707's). He has appeared before the Bar Association and the Board of Supervisors on behalf of the Superior/Juvenile Court. He has also talked with Judge Benson, Mr. Botka and Mr. Foote and he has visited B5 and talked to counselors who supervise this category of youth. Through his involvement in this matter Judge Kline has observed that the juvenile justice system has no political constituency and it has resulted in the

deletion of the Juvenile Court section of the Mayor's crime package. He also notes that while other justice agency budgets have increased in the last several years, Juvenile Court budget has increased significantly less, resulting in a real dollar decrease.

Judge Kline pointed out that the holding of 707's in Juvenile Hall began in mid 1979 due to the decertification of the county jail for detention of minors and this has created an enormous array of problems. Many 707's are proud of their criminal activities and pose a security and safety threat to both staff and detainees. A number of staff have been assaulted, resulting in many lost manhours. Juvenile Hall is not designed for lengthy detention and most youth in B5 are detained an average of ten days. Due to the trials in adult court, 707's stay an average of ten months. Under the Welfare and Institutions Code these youth could be delivered into the custody of the Sheriff but Judge Benson recognizes the problems in county jail and agreed to hold these youth in Juvenile Hall while a solution to the problem was worked out. The Superior Court finds several solutions acceptable: the modular facility that has been proposed, an addition/renovation to B5, renovation to B19. An unacceptable solution is that of removing the status offenders from the Youth Guidance Center in order to use their space for 707's. San Francisco has a responsibility to place priority on dealing with those youth who have the highest likelihood of being rehabilitated (601's and 602's) and co-mingling 602's with 707's is undesirable. The 707's have committed some pretty brutal and heinous crimes, and although they are under 18, they require adult treatment.

Judge Kline indicated that Supervisors Britt, Silver and Walker were not willing to go along with the Mayor's package. However, they would be willing to go along with a revised package that would provide for some of the money going toward delinquency prevention. He suggested that this Commission might initiate a meeting with the Delinquency Prevention Commission to get together and discuss the issue.

Chairman Gordon stated that he met with Supervisor Walker. She indicated to him that there just wasn't enough money to fund everything and approving the $475,000 facility for the Juvenile Court would mean other agencies requesting funds would have to be denied. She might be inclined to go along with an addition or renovation to B5 at less cost if a compromise can be worked out. Chairman Gordon found that Supervisor Walker appreciated our problems at the Youth Guidance Center and was not as critical of the Youth Guidance Center as others may have anticipated. She did comment that there are many commissions dealing with problems that are somewhat similar and while they all mean well, each one is concerned with its own activities and there is little working together to resolve problems and coordinate efforts. Supervisor Walker volunteered her services to get the Commission leaders together to work toward coordinating their efforts.

Commissioner Laws suggested that her committee, Community Liaison, would be an appropriate one to address the problem of constituency for the Youth Guidance Center and asked Judge Kline if he would be willing to meet with the committee. Judge Kline indicated that he would be willing to meet with the committee or any other group at any time. Commissioner Caesar suggested that

Chairman Gordon take the lead in this matter and keep the Commission informed and notify them of meetings or action required by the Commission. Chairman Gordon agreed to this suggestion.

Chairman Gordon thanked Judge Kline for taking the time to attend the meeting and fill the Commission in on this very important issue.

REPORTS:

Chief Probation Officer: Mr. Botka announced that he would be attending the swearing-in ceremony for Supervisor Willie Kennedy on March 6 and invited everyone to attend. He indicated that there was a copy of a letter to the Mayor concerning the Juvenile Court budget as well as statistical data on Juvenile Court activities over the past five years in the Commissioners' folders. He reported that both status offender and Log Cabin Ranch admissions are down slightly. The Probation Department has been working closely with DSS in developing a program to comply with the new federal law regarding care of dependent children. The CES teams will probably be discontinued as DSS will eventually take over all administrative responsibility for dependent children. Probation will assist in monitoring cases into court and the children who are placed in foster homes.

Community Liaison: Commissioner Laws reported that several members of her committee attempted to get to the Finance Committee when the item concerning the secure facility was being discussed. The Finance Committee voted unanimously in favor of this item. Her committee was prepared to attend the full Board of Supervisors meeting on this matter but did not because of confusion as to whether the item was going to be heard or put over another week. Commissioner Laws indicated that there is no visible public support at these meetings for the Juvenile Court and stressed the importance of all Commissioners making every effort to take time out of their schedules to attend Finance Committee meetings on Wednesday afternoons when there are matters on the agenda concerning the Juvenile Court budget. She will be notifying members of her committee of a meeting to be held in April.

Institutions: Commissioner Salerno reported that Judge Benson dropped by to see him and asked that he thank the Commission for the flowers sent to him. The Judge has asked the Commission to give as much support as possible to the various alternatives for housing violent juvenile offenders. Commissioner Salerno indicated that the Commission should meet with Judge Benson and Judge Kline and determine what the Commission is going to support. Several Commissioners agreed that the Commission should meet and decide exactly what they will support. Chairman Gordon stated that he would get in touch with Judge Benson and Judge Kline and have them provide a list of pros and cons on the different alternatives, which he would then disseminate to the Commission. Commissioner Laws stated that MCJC staff person Barbara Conway had conducted a couple of meetings with people in disagreement over this matter. She suggested that Barbara Conway be contacted prior to the Commission meeting with Supervisor Walker. Commissioner Smith said he was getting the impression that community agencies and the Delinquency Prevention Commission believe they can provide a better service to status offenders than the Juvenile Court, yet these

groups believe that the Juvenile Court facility is needed to take care of the youth who are quite sophisticated in terms of criminal activity. It seems that they might be agreeable to our handling the criminal element while they handle the status offenders.

Commissioner Laws asked Frank Moran if he could fill the Commission in on status offenders. Frank stated that the Probation Department is studying the present system of dealing with status offenders in an effort to determine the best method. He indicated that the Welfare and Institutions Code requires the police to deliver a status offender to the probation officer, who is required to conduct an investigation as to the proper disposition of the status offender. Some surrounding counties have the police deliver the child directly to a community agency with which the probation department has contracted for services.

Chairman Gordon asked Frank about the issue of dependency being transferred to the Department of Social Services in its entirety. Frank indicated that it is somewhat "up in the air" because it is in some ways dependent upon SB 14, which is in committee. Federal legislation provides for only one agency administering a child welfare program if the state receives federal money. This would effectively remove the Probation Department from handling dependency. However, the Juvenile Court would remain involved with dependency.

Chairman Gordon asked Sue Kaplan if she would like to make any remarks. Sue indicated that the Court is in a position to confront and therefore cut down on child abuse and neglect. Services could be provided in another manner which would aim at preventing child abuse and neglect. Other counties are using community agencies in handling status offenders and these programs are working and are cost effective. Perhaps San Francisco can take a closer look at what other counties are doing and possibly use some of their programs.

Commissioner Figone pointed out that one of the sections of the Probation Standards developed by the Chief Probation Officers of California talks about the Chief Probation Officers having an open line of communication and an exchange of information of programs. Mr. Botka should be able to contact various chiefs and learn the different ways other counties are working with youth and the cost savings involved. We should not become locked into things and we should study new approaches. Commissioner Figone also indicated that there is a feeling in the community that the Court is anti community agencies. He is aware of community agencies that are doing a fantastic job and he would hate to have these agencies think we are against them. Mr. Botka stated that some groups maintain that we do not use community agencies. However, the Court does use a number of agencies and has a good relationship with them. Commissioner Laws stated that several counties were represented at a recent status offender forum sponsored by Coleman. Perhaps a transcript of the forum would provide us with different programs in use in other counties. Sue Kaplan indicated that five counties were represented at the recent forum. She said a transcript would be available soon.

Legislative: Commissioner Caesar distributed a written report on various bills, including those mentioned in Mayor Feinstein's crime package. She indicated that she plans to have her reports prepared in time for mailing with

the minutes so all Commissioners will have an opportunity to review them prior to the meeting.

Commissioner Laws pointed out that it would be necessary to extend the meeting. M/S/C to extend the meeting by 30 minutes.

By-Laws Review: Commissioners Laws and Caesar prepared proposed amendments to the By-Laws and had mailed them to Commissioners for their review. Commissioner Laws indicated that there are no established guidelines regarding youth commissioners and learned that each commission may handle as it desires. The purposes of the Community Liaison Committee and the Legislative Committee were revised to reflect their actual roles. The by-law concerning committee reports does not conform with current practice and Chairman Gordon asked the committee to propose something that would conform. The current By-Laws require that for a Commissioner to be excused from a meeting he need only notify the secretary in advance of the meeting. The committee questioned whether the Commission wants to have excused absences limited to absences for specific reasons such as illness, out-of-town vacations, unexpected business necessity, etc. Chairman Gordon pointed out that there had been a problem in the past with attendance but the situation is much improved. It was decided that Commissioners who have views on whether such a by-law amendment should be enacted should contact either Commissioners Laws or Caesar before the next Commission meeting.

DPCC Task Forces:

Education: Commissioner Figone reported that he had attended the first meeting of this task force, which focused on an overview of the Unified School District and the problem and cause of truancy. Their goal will be to make recommendations throughout the year instead of at the end of the year. Commissioner Figione will report on the activities of this task force each month.

Employment: Commissioner Cayton attended the first meeting of this task force, which was mainly in the organizing stages. They are working on a resolution concerning the CETA program, which he will provide the Commission when it is available. He indicated that he was glad he attended this important meeting and looks forward to it accomplishing things.

Juvenile Justice: Commissioner Laws reported that this task force was well attended. Discussion centered around status offender problems and the diversion of status offenders before they become part of the juvenile justice system. Commissioners Laws feels that there should be more than one Juvenile Justice Commissioner on this task force. The next meeting will be on April 1, 4:00 p.m., 170 Fell Street. She encouraged more participation on the part of this Commission.

Treasurer: Commissioner Cayton reported that there had been no deposits or withdrawals for several months. The balance of the account is approximately $20.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Chairman Gordon indicated that he is still waiting for reports from Commissioners Figone and Marovich on Chapters 1 and 5 of the Probation Standards developed by the Chief Probation Officers of California. He stated that he will send out copies of the reports he does have and discuss them at the April meeting.

Chairman Gordon stated that he would be preparing the annual report and asked committee chairmen to submit specific information about their committees to him by the April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Laws informed the Commission that Commissioner Costello is still in the hospital and thought that notes or cards would be appreciated. Chairman Gordon advised that he sent flowers to Commissioner Costello on behalf of the Commission as well as to Judge Benson.

Commissioner Cayton indicated that it would be of interest to know how many of the youth going through the juvenile justice system are coming from the housing projects. Mr. Botka stated that the computer reporting system has been revamped so that this information can be obtained as it is pinpointed right down to the neighborhoods where youth are coming from.

Chairman Gordon opened nominations for the four-member nominating committee. Nominated were Commissioners Cayton, Wada, Caesar and Figone. It was M/S/C to approve this committee with Commissioner Cayton to serve as chairman.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beatrice C. Laws, Secretary Pro Tem
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION

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CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

375 Woodside Avenue
San Francisco, California 94127

MINUTES OF APRIL 2, 1981 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Vice Chairman Laws at 12:45 p.m. In the absence of Commissioner Ballou, Commissioner Cayton was asked to serve as Secretary Pro Tem.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Gordon, Laws, Cayton, Caesar, Figone, Grandin, Mayberry, Smith, Wada, Webb. Excused: Costello, Marovich. Absent: Ballou, Salerno. Staff: Botka, Cain, Bailey, Moran. Guests: Joan Coyne and Rosemary O'Sullivan, Volunteer Auxiliary; Sue Kaplan, Youth Advocacy Project; Lorraine Honig, Coleman Children and Youth Services.

The minutes of March 5, 1981, were approved with the following correction. Page four, paragraph four, second sentence should be deleted as Sue Kaplan did not make that statement.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Thank you note from Commissioner Costello. Thank you note from Judge Benson. Invitation from Friends Outside to an evening of musical entertainment to benefit their organization. Request from National Assessment of Juvenile Justice Training Resources for material on existing training programs. Invitation to 51st Annual State Training Conference of the CPPCA. Commissioner Webb indicated that there is an all day session for Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commissioners and suggested that maybe one Commissioner could attend that one day. Commissioner Grandin stated that it is possible to submit ideas for areas of discussion in the workshops at this conference. Mr. Botka indicated that if a Commissioner wishes to attend, he would explore the possibility of financial assistance.

Chairman Gordon acknowledged the guests in attendance.

REPORTS:

Volunteer Auxiliary: Joan Coyne, President, thanked the Commission for the opportunity to report on the activities of the Auxiliary over the past year. She indicated that their budget was increased in order to expand the programs for youth. For the status offenders there was a summer program, which consisted of hiring an artist for mural work, a UC Davis student to initiate a garden project and a video instructor for a video program. There were YMCA memberships, special outings to places such as Great America, Frontier Village, Santa Cruz and many more. Job training hours were extended. New furniture and carpeting were purchased for the units and above the $100

monthly stipend, an additional $100 a month was provided for special outings. Mike Pritchard had asked that the proceeds from the 1980 fund raiser be spent for B5. This resulted in a new tile floor, a color TV, window coverings and the hiring of an artist to work with the 707's. The proceeds from the 1979 fund raiser went toward completely refurnishing G2: living and dining room furniture, carpeting, drapes, TV, washer/dryer, individual mirrors and wardrobes for personal clothing. A video recorder was purchased for the units as well as movies to start a library of films. An informational brochure is being developed for parents of youth in Juvenile Hall. It will be printed in English and Spanish. The clothing room continues to meet all requests with quality merchandise. Log Cabin Ranch receives a monthly stipend of $300 for outings and activities and $2,500 worth of track and field equipment was purchased. The Auxiliary pays a stipend and transportation expenses for a spiritual counselor at the Ranch. Thanks to Judge Benson and Revels Cayton appearing before the Public Utilities Commission, Muni bus service provided for parents to visit their sons at the Ranch was not discontinued as had been planned. A scholarship program has been set up to send one or two Ranch graduates to junior college or a trade school. The Auxiliary has provided family therapy for parents and youth involved with the Family Crisis Unit as well as providing funds for cultural, enrichment and social events to strengthen ties between probation officers and probationers. Orthodontic work is being provided for a couple of youth. Birrhdays and holidays are remembered with cakes and gifts. Total disbursements for the period July 1, 1980 to March 31, 1981, were $60,000. Mrs. Coyne thanked the Commission for its support and expressed her gratitude to Judge Benson, Mr. Botka, Mr. Cain and Mr. Foote for their cooperation in the efforts of the Volunteer Auxiliary.

Chairman Gordon congratulated Mrs. Coyne on her outstanding achievements as President of the Volunteer Auxiliary for the past three years and the Commission enthusiastically applauded the accomplishments of the Auxiliary.

Eighth Annual Conference on Juvenile Justice: Commissioner Caesar reported that this was a very fine conference and passed around the booklet she received so that all Commissioners could peruse it. She indicated that the recent amendments to the Youth Act of 1974, which lend more strength to prevention than previously yet emphasize a step-up of juvenile justice procedures, influenced the conference. There is a leaning toward new criteria for use of home placement and an inclination toward community based housing rather than secure detention. She thanked Mr. Botka for coming to the rescue by providing Jeanne Bailey as a replacement speaker on less than eight hours' notice. Jeanne did a fantastic job of speaking on regulations for secure detention.

Chief Probation Officer: Mr. Botka discussed a chart displaying all referrals (300, 601, 602) for the past five years, indicating that there was a 29.6% increase in referrals. During this period of time there was an increase of 8.8% of 602's, 50% of 601's and 134% of 300's. He pointed out that Public Law 96-272 calls for the management of the program for dependent children to be under one administration. The Probation Department has already started training social workers from DSS on the procedures currently handled by Probation staff and this change over should be implemented on July 1. SB 14 is the State legislation proposed in conjunction with the federal law (96-272).

Mr. Botka reported that there are 75 boys at Log Cabin and 122 youth in Juvenile Hall at this time, which is our seasonal high. He reported that the first phase of the budget has been completed. Although it indicates a $400,000 reduction, which would threaten 17 jobs, this same amount will appear in the Mayor's crime package and our budget will be 100% of our current level.

Mr. Botka reported that we currently are housing eight 707's and the situation calls for extra effort on the part of staff in handling these youth. The subject of where to house these youth was discussed at the Board of Supervisors Community Services Committee meeting. This committee recognizes this as a total community problem and that if youth are going to be housed at the Youth Guidance Center, something will have to be done in order to accommodate these youth and their special needs. Chairman Gordon asked if someone is working on a compromise resolution that everyone could live with. Mr. Botka indicated that both Judge Benson and Judge Kline met with the Sheriff to see if something could be worked out, and the Sheriff has been seeking outside resources to contract out. Commissioner Webb asked if anything had been submitted to the Commission and commented that a plan must be submitted in writing so that counter proposals can be submitted. Mr. Botka stated that there are three proposals: 1) $11,000 to prepare plans for developing something at the Hall of Justice, 2) $475,000 to build a facility at the Youth Guidance Center, which is in the Mayor's package and meeting a lot of resistance and 3) $90,000 to revise city prison. All of these proposals are in a pending/continuing stage. Commissioner Webb asked what type of planning could staff and the Commission do to submit a written proposal to counteract this resistance. Mr. Botka suggested that a small committee of the Commission meet with the Judges and staff to work something out in terms of a compromise. He pointed out that the Community Services Committee would be meeting again to discuss this issue on April 24. He indicated that the general consensus is that the youth should be housed at the Youth Guidance Center as opposed to the Hall of Justice. Chairman Gordon stated that it seems that there is a lot of resistance to either housing in city prison or spending approximately one-half million dollars at the Youth Guidance Center. He suggested that the Board would probably like to see a compromise proposal submitted closer to $200,000. Commissioner Webb stated that the Commission should urge Mr. Botka to get a committee together and that the Chairman should appoint a member of two from the Commission to sit on this committee and get to writing down a proposal. Commissioner Laws asked if any further exploration had been done by Barbara Conway of MCJC, who has headed a small group that seemed to be very good. Mr. Botka indicated that nothing had been resolved because it was moving in the direction of finding some way for the Sheriff to make room for the 707's. The Sheriff is adamant that he has no room or resources and doesn't seem to be interested in developing any. Mr. Botka also indicated that there is a suit against the City and it could possibly be settled favorably for the City if we don't place children under 18 in jail. The Mayor and the Board of Supervisors have not come out with an official statement about having youth in jail or not having youth in jail. Commissioner Wada remarked that in his opinion a majority of the Commissioners would favor keeping 707's at the Youth Guidance Center. He moved that the Institutions Committee be authorized to meet with Mr. Botka and his staff and the two Judges to design a plan for renovation of a facility unit at the Youth Guidance Center to house dangerous juveniles. Motion seconded and carried. Commissioner Cayton stated that the Judge can turn the 707's over to

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the Sheriff because we are not bound by law to keep them at the Youth Guidance Center. He moved that Commissioner Wada's motion be reconsidered in terms of just devising a plan for housing these 707's and to not limit the plan to the Youth Guidance Center. Commissioner Figone stated that although he voted for Commissioner Wada's motion, he would like something stated in it to the effect that we consider "a facility and/or a plan" in order to give the Commission enough leeway if the Judges say we should go this way. He stated we don't want to be locked in to finding a way just to renovate at the Youth Guidance Center and to not consider other alternatives. Commissioner Wada said he was against reconsidering. He understands the feelings of the Judges, but in his opinion his motion expresses the feelings of this Commission. He doesn't feel that children, even violent ones, should be housed in jail and that as much as possible they should be kept here in a secure facility with specially trained staff. He doesn't want to be part of a Commission that agrees to housing youth with adult felons. Commissioner Laws stated that she was in favor of reconsidering. She feels that the Commission may eventually support the concept of housing 707's at the Youth Guidance Center, but until more facts are available, she is not ready to assert that position and she questions whether the Commission is ready at this time to take that position. There are circumstances where some of these 707's have violent attitudes and have no remorse for their actions and they should not be mixed in with the 602's. The Institutions Committee should be encouraged to review the entire matter and bring back a recommendation to the Commission, at which time we can discuss it and then take a position, but we are not ready to do that now. Commissioner Webb stated that she was opposed to the reconsideration of the motion because she feels that the motion passed and that the Institutions Committee will have to come back to the Commission prior to any decision being made. Commissioner Grandin remarked that she had never been polled about her opinion on this matter and felt the Institutions Committee should come up with a satisfactory solution without being held to the one suggested plan. It was moved and seconded to cut off debate on the reconsideration, but it failed to pass. Commissioner Cayton indicated that Commissioner Wada's motion is fine but he wants the committee to be able to investigate any solution and not be locked into finding a way to have the 707's stay at the Youth Guidance Center. Commissioner Smith stated that the motion as it stands does not preclude the Judge from sending any particular case or remanding any particular individual to city prison. He indicated that he realizes that the Judge can remand youth now but that there is no facility available under the Sheriff's jurisdiction. Mr. Botka pointed out that the Community Services Committee would be meeting prior to the next Juvenile Justice Commission meeting and that any position, plan or presentation would have to be approved by April 24. Chairman Gordon stated that it would be a mistake to limit the motion on a technical basis and thereby preclude the committee from considering other recommendations. Commissioner Cayton pointed out that the Judge would be within the law if he turned these juveniles over to the Sheriff. Commissioner Wada pointed out that these are juveniles who have not gone to court and are innocent until proven guilty. They have been arrested and charged, not convicted. He stated that very few, if any, people who work with juveniles in this city would like to have them housed in city prison. As much as possible, youth should be kept at the Youth Guidance Center. If it means having a secure facility and/or specially trained staff, then we should do so. It was M/S/C to reconsider the original motion. The Institutions Committee will meet with the

Judges, Mr. Botka and his staff to consider the question of housing 707's and other violent youth. Chairman Gordon stated that he would like to have Commissioner Mayberry head up this committee and also stated that the committee should include a few more Commissioners. Commissioner Webb volunteered her services. Chairman Gordon asked that the committee report back to him in two weeks. Commissioner Smith asked what position the Board of Supervisors has taken on this issue. Chairman Gordon stated that the Board had not gotten together as a whole to vote on it. Mr. Botka pointed out that the issue has been before the Board three times and there has not been a decision because of the diferrence of opinion. Commissioner Smith stated that the Commission is here to advise the Court and that the Superior Court should come forth as to their position and so present it to the Board. Mr. Botka indicated that the Superior Court is in the process of preparing a resolution stating their position.

Commissioner Laws inquired about the pamphlet mentioned in Mrs. Coyne's report. She indicated that the Commission was to have the opportunity to review it prior to final printing. Mr. Botka said that this would be possible.

Region I Conference: Commissioner Grandin reported that she attended the meeting of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commissioners from this area. Discussion centered around two topics: 1) setting up a network so that commissions could get information to one another quickly with the CYA staffing a "hotline;" and 2) training of commissioners on responsibilities, how to evaluate institutions, review legislation, etc. Mr. Miller of the CYA indicated that he would be available to commissioners to help in any way. The designated representative for our area is Jack Gifford of the CYA. The next meeting will be on April 21, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., Marin County. Commissioner Caesar indicated that she knows Mr. Miller through previous Commission dealings. She suggested that he might be asked to be a guest speaker at one of our meetings.

Legislative: Commissioner Caesar stated that information on the status of legislation had been mailed to the Commissioners. One piece of legislation requiring Commission action is AB 74. San Joaquin County is asking for support of this bill, which would prohibit youth under the age of 18 from selling liquor at quick-stops, convenience stores and liquor outlets. It was M/S/C to support this bill. Commissioner Caesar will draft a letter for Chairman Gordon's signature.

Probation Services: Commissioner Grandin reported that her committee is in the process of corresponding with 46 different departments of social services, juveniles courts and family courts throughout the country with respect to policy on how they are dealing with sexual minority youth.

Community Liaison: Commissioner Laws suggested that since Sue Kaplan attends our meetings, it might be helpful if a member of our Commission attended the Coleman Board meetings. She drafted a letter for Chairman Gordon's signature and read this letter to the Commission. It was M/S/C to approve the letter.

By-Laws Review: Commissioner Laws indicated that proposed revisions had been sent to all Commissioners. Commissioner Webb questioned the proposed revision concerning appointment of two youth between the age of 14 and 21 to the

Commission. Commissioner Laws advised that SB 1928 became law on January 1, 1981, and calls for the appointment of at least two youth between the age of 14 and 21 to the Juvenile Justice Commission. Commissioner Webb moved that all proposed revisions be adopted with the exception of Article III, Section 1. The motion was not seconded. It was M/S/C, with the exception of a "no" vote by Commissioner Webb, to adopt the amendments to the By-Laws as submitted, except in Article III, Section 1, the word "should" is changed to "can." The proposed by-law amendment included with the Commissioners' packets, which would formalize attendance and participation requirements by Commissioners, will be considered at the next meeting.

DPC: Commissioner Laws reported that she attended the meeting.

DPCC Task Forces:

Juvenile Justice: Commissioner Laws reported that this task force is discussing the subject of transition of graduates from Log Cabin Ranch into the community as well as a status offender home in the community. There is a subcommittee of this task force which is working on Log Cabin Ranch problems. Commissioner Laws pointed out there there should be a least one other Commissioner attending this task force's meetings. She also indicated that she would not be able to attend the meetings for the next month. The task force meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. and the subcommittee meets every Tuesday afternoon. Commissioner Caesar volunteered to attend the first two meetings of the subcommittee.

Nominating: Commissioner Cayton reported that his committee was presenting the current slate of officers for re-election. It was M/S/C to adopt the committee's recommendations.

It was M/S/C to extend the meeting beyond 2:30 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Chairman Gordon indicated that the Probation Standards, which were mailed to all Commissioners, would be discussed at the next meeting. Mr. Botka stated that he was impressed with the input from the Commissioners and would be contacting these individuals to discuss their reports.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Webb moved that the Commissioners sign over their monthly reimbursement checks for expenses to the Commission's treasury. It was seconded and carried to turn over expense checks to the treasury.

Chairman Gordon stated that he wished to appoint three committees:

1) Special committee to evaluate the administration of the Youth Guidance Center, which will consist of Commissioners Grandin (Chairman), Laws, Cayton, Caesar and Figone.

2) Ad hoc committee of himself and Commissioner Laws to meet with the leaders of the Delinquency Prevention Commission, the Delinquency Prevention Coordination Council and Coleman Children and Youth Services in order to better coordinate and cooperate with respect to youth issues.

3) Interim evaluation of Commissioners. Chairman Gordon will talk with each Commissioner and discuss participation and involvement in Commission activities. Chairman Gordon pointed out that most of the work of the Commission is being accomplished by the efforts of the same Commissioners. It is only fair that all Commissioners participate and share the workload. Attending a few Commission meetings and doing nothing else does not serve the purpose of this Commission. Commissioner Caesar remarked that the proposed by-law amendment to be discussed at the next meeting is in line with this subject. It was M/S/C to adopt the Chairman's committees.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Revels Cayton, Secretary
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION

Madeleine Rougley
Recording Secretary

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CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

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MINUTES OF MAY 7, 1981 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Gordon at 12:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Gordon, Laws, Ballou, Caesar, Figone, Grandin, Marovich, Mayberry, Salerno, Smith. Excused: Cayton, Costello, Webb. Absent: Wada. Staff: Benson, Botka, Foote, Moran. Guests: Laura Grieneeks, Health Care Services; Peter Semiraro and Gail Thompson, Youth Advocacy Project; Michael Shaw, Pre-Trial Diversion Project.

The minutes of April 2, 1981, were approved as submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS:

April 21, 1981 minutes of Region I Network of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commissions. Invitation to AFL-CIO award dinner on May 7, 1981. Letter from Commission on Status of Women re "Stop Rape Week."

Chairman Gordon announced that Commissioner Caesar was reappointed to a four-year term on the Commission and was sworn in today by Judge Benson.

REPORTS:

Probation Standards: Mr. Botka reported that he reviewed the responses prepared by the Commissioners with Warren Cain. He stated that the Chief Probation Officers discussed the standards and reactions to them at their quarterly meeting. As a result, a sub-committee has been established which will receive all comments regarding the standards. Mr. Botka indicated that the Commission could forward its responses directly to the sub-committee or he and Mr. Cain would review them with the Probation Services Committee prior to sending them. Chairman Gordon stated that he and Commissioner Grandin would look over the responses and submit them to the sub-committee. Commissioner Laws indicated that she had some comments which she would relay to Commissioner Grandin.

Institutions: Commissioner Salerno reported that a program has been implemented at Log Cabin Ranch whereby a limited number of youth work in the areas of kitchen, janitorial and gardening and are paid for their work. Eligibility for this program is based on merit. Commissioner Ballou asked if the welding program was in operation at the Ranch. Commissioner Salerno stated that it is not at this time. She asked if it was due to a problem of lack of equipment or funding. Judge Benson indicated that Judge Kline is very actively involved in a major program in the area of vocational training at the Ranch and is meeting with a group today to discuss this matter. He will ask Judge Kline to report on his efforts at a future meeting of the Commission.

Legislative: Commissioner Caesar reported that a letter supporting AB 74 was sent to the San Joaquin Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission. She indicated that all Commissioners should have received a copy of her legislative update and she then reported on the latest information concerning each of the bills mentioned as well as a number of new bills.

Probation Services: Commissioner Grandin reported that she has received a number of responses to the questionnaires she sent out to various juvenile and family courts and departments of social services re handling of sexual minority youth. She indicated that she will continue to report on the status of this project. Commissioner Grandin asked Mr. Botka about the recommendations presented some months ago regarding sexual minority youth in San Francisco and asked that he report on the status of these recommendations at the next Commission meeting.

By-Laws Review: Commissioner Laws indicated that each Commissioner should have a copy of the proposed by-law amendment concerning attendance at meetings and participation in his folder. Considerable discussion was held concerning the difficulty the participation requirement of the by-law would present for some Commissioners. There was a suggestion that an advisory committee be established so that those individuals who cannot participate fully or devote sufficient time to Commission matters could still serve in an important and meaningful way. It was also suggested that perhaps the proposed by-law could be implemented on a trial basis and if it becomes unrealistic then the Commission would take another look at it. It was determined that Section 6 is fine a as it stands, with the exception of adding the Chief Probation Officer's secretary as an individual to notify regarding absence from meetings. Section 7 would need to be revised in order to be more acceptable to the Commission. It was M/S/C to accept the report exclusive of Section 7.

Medical Advisory Committee: Commissioner Smith reported that the committee has not met for awhile. The committee felt that it might be helpful to have someone in private practice become a member of the committee since all individuals currently on the committee represent institutions. Dr. Bobby Graves has agreed to join the group. Commissioner Smith did report that Log Cabin Ranch is experiencing a high rate of strep throat at this time. About 20% of the youth at the Ranch are infected.

Court-Police Liaison Committee: Commissioner Ballou reported that she attends this meeting once a month and finds it very interesting and informative. The group, consisting of representation from probation, institutions, district attorney and police department, meets on an informal basis and discusses problems or areas of mutual concern. She indicated that it is worthwhile endeavor that should continue.

DPCC: Commissioner Ballou reported that the DPCC task forces gave their reports and they are coming to grips about doing something with the problems they have identified. They did establish that there is a need for both the Youth Guidance Center and community based agencies in dealing with status offenders. A six to ten-bed group home is being established for Log Cabin Ranch graduates and will be ready no earlier than mid May. Work is also being

done to establish a shelter facility for street and runaway youth. Public housing units have been determined to be high need areas. Commissioner Mayberry reported that the education task force reported a figure of 8,500 non-attendees in the public schools. It seems that there are only two truant officers for a 57,000 school population. Commissioner Figone stated that a number of years ago the school district did have 27 attendance officers but due to new state regulations the number has been cut drastically. The state code only requires the district to have one officer. He indicated that the district is intensively pursuing a program of making the parents more aware of their children's attendance and it has proved successful. He did point out, though, that there are instances where some youth just will not go to school. The district is looking into more vocational programs and various alternatives to motivate youth into going to school. Commissioner Mayberry stated that in London, England, this problem was solved through neighborhood playgrounds and reception counseling centers, where it is determined why the youth are not attending school and parents are notified of such truancy.

DPCC Task Forces:

Juvenile Justice: Commissioner Caesar met with the sub-committee of this task force, which is focusing on Log Cabin Ranch. Two items were discussed: 1) interview with Probation Officer Bill Johnston, who outlined the procedure for Ranch graduates and 2) points covered in a meeting with Pete Rodriguez, supervisor of County Placement, and Frank Moran. The goals of the sub-committee are to effect an agreeable transition for youth from Log Cabin and to set up a process with community agencies and the Probation Department. Judge Benson asked if the committee intended to try and effect some exchange between Probation and community agencies when youth get out of Log Cabin. Commissioner Caesar indicated that it seemed to be the committee's intent. Judge Benson stated that there is an active process and has been since his coming to the Juvenile Court in January 1980. Commissioner Caesar stated that the committee is aware of this but is trying to find a middle road that would be acceptable to agencies not now being used.

Chairman: Chairman Gordon announced the following new committee chairmen assignments: Community Liaison, Commissioner Laws; Institutions, Commissioner Mayberry; Juvenile Court, Commissioner Caesar; Legislative, Commissioner Caesar. Chairman Gordon stated that he still needs someone to chair the Probation Services Committee and would like to hear from a Commissioner who could handle this assignment. He also made the following assignments: Court-Police Liaison, Commissioner Ballou; Jail Overcrowding Committee, Commissioner Webb; Medical Advisory Committee, Commissioner Smith; MCJC Executive Committee, Chairman Gordon. Chairman Gordon will coordinate with Commissioner Laws re representation at DPC, DPCC and DPCC task force meetings.

Chairmen Gordon stated that he will begin talking to Commissioners in June re evaluation of participation in Commission activities and will report back in July. He asked that Commissioners keep in mind the idea of an advisory committee. During the summer months he hopes to meet with other commissions' leaders in order to attain a united front on common goals.

YGC Evaluation Committee: Commissioner Grandin reported that she has been in touch with someone who did a similar type of evaluation in Alameda County as well as the Civil Grand Jury to determine how to go about the evaluation. She will be meeting with Chairman Gordon to establish guidelines and procedures for accomplishing this assignment.

Special Committee--Housing Violent Youth: Commissioner Mayberry reported that his committee (Commissioners Figone and Webb) met with Judge Benson and Mr. Botka last month for three hours re determining the position to be taken regarding the housing of violent youth. Judge Benson indicated that the Judges of the Superior Court were going to ask the Board of Supervisors to make a determination on the housing of these youth and if this was not done within a reasonable amount of time, the Court would turn such youth over to the Sheriff for custody. Judge Benson stated that he has tried to accommodate this situation for a year and a half now and there has been no resolution. The law is clear in this situation, and unless the housing matter is resolved, these youth will be turned over to the Sheriff.

Chief Probation Officer: Mr. Botka reported that he attended Project New Pride's open house recently. It was a very constructive experience in that some communications gaps were closed between New Pride and the Probation Department.

The Harvey Rose Corporation has approached the department concerning the availability of grant money for a victim restitution project. Probation Services is currently involved in a program with Recreation and Parks Department whereby youth are doing community service work by cleaning up in the parks. The project mentioned by Harvey Rose Corporation would involve youth working for those individuals they victimized in order to make restitution. There is a possibility something could be set up with Youth For Service since they already have a format for a community restitution program.

The transition house for Log Cabin youth will be underway by July 1. There has been some protest from the community but with a new twist--the community indicates it is not good enough for the transition house. Commissioner Marovich stated that his office has received substantial community resistance, more so on this project than others. He does not know if it relates to this particular home they wish to establish or just a reaction to the high level of juvenile violence being publicized. They are sitting down with members of the community and discussing the matter and asking that the community let them establish the program and a track record.

The budget is in the "clean-up" process. The Mayor will present the City's budget to the Board of Supervisors on June 1.

The Volunteer Auxiliary is going to purchase a van for the exclusive use of the status offenders so that there will always be transportation available to take these youth on outings.

There is an ordinance pending before the Board of Supervisors which will remove the intake function of 300's from the Probation Department and give full responsibility for the 300's to the Department of Social Services on July 1.

Chairman Gordon reminded the Commission of the Volunteer Auxiliary's luncheon on May 13 and urged as many Commissioners to attend as possible.

It was M/S/C to extend the meeting beyond 2:30 p.m.

JUDGE'S CORNER:

Judge Benson reiterated a previous request that whenever a Commissioner is attending a meeting or any function and questions are raised about any aspect of the operation at the Juvenile Court, he should contact the Judge and let him know what the situation is.

Judge Benson indicated that Frank Moran is pursuing the matter of appointing a youth commissioner to the Commission. A number of young people have been interviewed and the selection is down to a 17-year-old girl and a 16-year-old boy. The Judge will interview these two individuals soon and make a decision.

Judge Benson stated that he attended the Board of Supervisors meeting on Monday where they voted to transfer all aspects of dependency to DSS. The Judge had presented a proposal wherein the Probation Department would have the opportunity to monitor the work of DSS with respect to the pre-dependent children. He indicated that DSS is a large bureaucracy and has constraints in terms of policy and administrative priorities. He feels that the Probation Department should have the ability to monitor the intake function so that should a bad decision or poor investigation be made, the Juvenile Court Judge can take appropriate action to get the case moving in the right direction.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Smith stated that he would like Commissioner Figone to report on the transition of youth from Log Cabin Ranch back into their San Francisco schools.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Laws remarked that the informational pamphlet for parents of youth in Juvenile Hall had been printed before the Commission had an opportunity to review it and/or provide any input. Mr. Botka stated that perhaps another pamphlet would be coming out which would present a more total picture of the Youth Guidance Center. Judge Benson indicated that he noticed at least one glaring omission, namely, that the Commission had not been mentioned. He also pointed out that the text, while technically correct, could be misinterpreted to indicate that 601's are held in a secure setting. Commissioner Grandin commented that the language was a little technical for the parents of the youth held in Juvenile Hall.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Ballou, Secretary
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 1981 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Gordon at 12:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Gordon, Laws, Ballou, Caesar, Figone, Mayberry, Salerno, Smith, Wada. Excused: Cayton, Costello, Grandin, Marovich, Webb. Staff: Benson, Botka, Cain, Foote, Moran. Guests: Pete Semiraro, Youth Advocacy Project.

The minutes of May 7, 1981, were approved as submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Memorandum from Clerk of the Board of Supervisors transmitting schedule of hearings by committees of the Board re Mayor's recommended budget for next fiscal year. Notice of June 4, 1981 DPCC meeting and the minutes of the May 7, 1981 DPCC meeting. Letter from Chairman of Marin Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission re scheduling next meeting of Region I Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commissions. Notice of a conference, "Fathering--It's Not the Same," June 20, College of Marin, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., co-hosted by Michael Pritchard. Letter from State Department of Social Services re a conference, "A Challenge: New Strategies for Child Abuse Prevention in the 80's," October 28-30, 1981, Los Angeles. Response from Coleman Children and Youth Services to Chairman Gordon's request to meet and discuss mutual concerns.

REPORTS:

Chief Probation Officer: Mr. Botka pointed out an increase in the number of admissions to Juvenile Hall and the status offender cottages for the month of May.

Mr. Botka stated that each Commissioner has a memorandum in the folder which is in response to the recommendations made by Sue Saperstein at the November meeting of the Commission regarding sexual minority youth. Chairman Gordon indicated this memorandum should be referred to Commissioner Grandin for review and report back at the July meeting.

Mr. Botka reported that an intensive vocational program for Log Cabin Ranch is being developed and that he will keep Commissioners abreast of its status.

Mr. Botka indicated that the budget hearing before the Finance Committee for the Juvenile Court is on June 24 at 1 p.m.

Annual Committee Reports: Chairman Gordon indicated that all committee reports are in with the exception of the Juvenile Court Committee. Commissioners should read these reports and they will be discussed at the July meeting.

Legislative Committee: Commissioner Caesar reported that on the most recent update sent to Commissioners none of the bills passed but have moved to various committees for discussion. She indicated there is legislation in Sacramento concerning the confidentiality of juvenile matters, which she will report on at a future meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Chairman Gordon indicated that the proposed annual report of the Commission had been distributed to all Commissioners for review and asked for approval of the report. It was M/S/C to approve the report as submitted.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Ballou, Secretary
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION

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JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

375 Woodside Avenue
San Francisco, California 94127

MINUTES OF JULY 2, 1981 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Vice Chairman Laws at 12:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Laws, Ballou, Caesar, Costello, Figone, Grandin, Mayberry, Smith. Excused: Cayton, Gordon, Marovich, Webb. Absent: Salerno, Wada. Staff: Low, Cain. Guests: Laura Grieneeks, YGC Health Care Services; Kathleen Ryan, Volunteer Auxiliary; Doris Caldweld, Judge Low's Law Clerk; Sue Kaplan, Sexual Minority Youth Services Coalition; Janet Seldon, Lesbian Rights Project; Judge Prasobsook, Official of Judicial Affairs, Bangkok, Thailand.

The minutes of June 4, 1981 were approved as submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter from State Department of Social Services re conference, "A Challenge: New Strategies for Child Abuse Prevention in the 80's," to be held in Los Angeles, October 28-30. Referred to Commissioner Costello.

Chairman Laws welcomed Judge Low and wishes him success in his work at the Juvenile Court. She also welcomed back Commissioner Costello.

REPORTS:

Community Liaison: Commissioner Laws indicated that her committee had not met in the last month. Since Mr. Botka was attending a meeting concerning the budget, she asked Mr. Cain if he could provide any information on the departmental budget. Mr. Cain indicated that with the transferring of Section 300 of the Welfare and Institutions Code to the Department of Social Services, the Board of Supervisors budget analyst proposed the deletion of seven probation officers. It has been pointed out to the budget analyst that the division handling the dependent children had been enriched with probation officers in order to handle the work and that now these probation officers should be returned to other divisions which have been shorthanded. Mr. Cain stated that the number of staff is at an all time low and that if there are any more cuts, the department will be in trouble.

Institutions: Commissioner Mayberry reported that following last month's investigation, Chairman Gordon outlined the Commission's recommendations in a letter to Judge Constine. He indicated that there has been no response as yet. Judge Low stated that he just received a copy of Judge Constine's response, which indicates that the Commission's letter has been received and that steps are being taken.

Legislative: Commissioner Caesar provided a further update to her legislative memo of June 26 and also introduced some new bills. She indicated that there is a proposal whereby $30 million would be provided to promote self-discipline among adolescents as to sexuality and includes encouraging these teens to offer their children for adoption rather than hold on to them. Commission Caesar informed the Commission that she had the opportunity recently to spend a day in Washington and participate in Congressional visitations, which she found most interesting and informative.

Probation Services: Commissioner Grandin stated that Chairman Gordon had not found anyone to serve as chairman of this committee. She agreed to serve as chairman but indicated that the committee would not be doing anything specifically except under the heading of the YGC Evaluation Committee.

DPCC: Commissioner Ballou reported that she attended the July meeting, which was short and had very little business to conduct. She stated that the DPCC would not have an August meeting.

Commissioner Costello reported on information received concerning a recent network meeting of bay area juvenile justice and delinquency prevention commissions. A friend of hers in Alameda County had attended this meeting and advised her that an individual associated with the San Francisco Delinquency Prevention Commission had announced that he was solely responsible for Judge Benson being replaced by Judge Low and felt we (the Commission) should all be impeached. Commissioner Costello indicated that the next meeting will be in August in Santa Cruz. Chairman Laws asked Commissioner Costello to see if she could get more information about the last meeting and suggested that perhaps the Commission should sent representation to future network meetings.

DPCC Task Forces: Commissioner Ballou reported that the Family Task Force and the Juvenile Justice Task Force have been combined.

Chairman Laws welcomed the guests in attendance. Pat Armstrong, CYA Consultant, indicated that she is available to provide any technical assistance the Commission may need, run down legislative bills, answer questions, etc. She provided each Commissioner with her business card.

Chairman: Chairman Laws announced committee assignments (first and second listed individuals are chairman and vice chairman, respectively). Community Liaison: Laws, Cayton, Ballou, Caesar, Costello. Institutions: Mayberry, Figone, Salerno. Juvenile Court: Caesar, Wada, Smith, Webb. Probation Services: Grandin, Marovich, Laws. Legislative: Caesar. Medical Advisory: Smith. Court-Police Liaison: Ballou. Jail Overcrowding: Webb. DPC: Laws; Costello alternate. DPCC: Ballou, Grandin, Mayberry alternating.

Chairman Laws reported that the Commission had received a copy of the Board of Supervisors Budget Analyst (Harvey Rose) report on out-of-home placement. She indicated that there was a recommendation to consolidate the Delinquency Prevention Commission and the Juvenile Justice Commission. She suggested that each Commissioner read the section of the report pertaining to this recommendation (pages 37-39). Copies of these pages will be mailed to

Commissioners prior to the August meeting, at which time Commissioners should be prepared to state their opinion. Judge Low remarked that he has asked Mr. Botka to review this report and provide comments to him and will see that the Commission shares in this information. He indicated that he plans to meet soon with the Mayor's Office concerning these items. Commissioner Grandin indicated that these items, as well as the Youth Advocacy Project, will be discussed at the Community Services Committee meeting on Friday, July 24. Chairman Laws stated that the Community Liaison Committee would cover this meeting.

Chairman Laws asked if each Commissioner had received a copy of the report on status offenders published by the Youth Advocacy Project. Those present, with the exception of Commissioners Mayberry and Smith, did receive the report. Commissioner Figone has read the report and indicated that there are some good areas for discussion. Chairman Laws indicated that she would like to schedule this for discussion after everyone has read it. She asked Sue Kaplan if it would be possible to send copies to Commissioners Mayberry and Smith. Sue indicated that she would do so.

Chairman Laws indicated that there was a proposal from the Board of Supervisors for a Charter amendment to transfer the authority of appointing the Chief Probation Officer from the Superior Court to the Board of Supervisors. Judge Low stated that he talked to Supervisor Hongisto about this matter. It was pulled off the calendar. Due to time constrictions for the November 1981 ballot, this may not come up until the next general election, June 1982. Judge Low indicated that he also talked to Supervisor Hongisto about a number of other things, namely his assignment as the Juvenile Court Judge. He said he would like to go in with a fresh approach and get settled without having too many people rocking the boat for the first few weeks. The Judge indicated that the Supervisor was receptive to this request.

Chairman Laws reported that no response has been received from Coleman regarding Commission representation at its board meetings.

YGC Evaluation: Commissioner Grandin reported that a questionnaire was being formulated and distributed a copy of a proposed questionnaire to each Commissioner. She asked that any comments, objections, suggestions, etc., be provided to her right away. She indicated that this evaluation will not be long term but would be accomplished in approximately three months.

JUDGE'S CORNER:

Judge Low remarked that he has not had much contact with the Juvenile Court or the Juvenile Justice Commission. He is enjoying his assignment at the Juvenile Court and welcomes the challenge. Prior to his assignment here, he spent most of his time in the criminal courts. Five of his seven years with the Muncipal Court were spent in the criminal division and in his seven years with the Superior Court, five were spent in the criminal division. He emphasized that contrary to the remark made by the Delinquency Prevention Commissioner, Judge Benson's assignment to the Civil Division was not the result of any individual. Judge Benson is a very fine civil judge and was asked to return to serve in that specialized area.

Judge Low has already talked to each member of the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor and is striving to keep an open line of communication in order to avoid any problems and conflicts. He has met with Ed Sarsfield and spent some time at Andrew Jackson School. He met with Sheriff Hennessey, who is going to make a study in view of SB 312. He also met with Pearl West, with whom he has worked on a number of boards and agencies, to discuss SB 312. She feels that this bill may go too far in allowing youth under 18 to be housed in the county jail. The Judge has toured both Juvenile Hall and Log Cabin Ranch and indicated that Kevin Starr of the Examiner would be interested in accompanying him on his next visit to the Ranch.

The Judge met with the school department here and is very impressed with a possible program on truancy and vandalism and hopes that, with Commission assistance, more might be done to help them in what they are trying to do in the education field. He feels that the school department will be an important factor in delinquency prevention. He has talked to Dr. Alioto and his aide, Barbara Cohen, as well as Bill Maher and other members of the Board of Education. The Judge indicated that he worked on the Riles Commission several years ago and has an interest in the schools and school problems. He sees the importance of keeping youth in school to avoid difficulties that seem to result when youth leave school. He will be working with Barbara Cohen and others between now and the fall and hopes to have some probation officers assigned to the schools in order to take care of the increase in truancy in the school system. He has talked to Mr. Botka, who has promised that with the transfer of dependency to the Department of Social Services, probation officers who handled dependency cases would be assigned to the school program.

Judge Low indicated that the CYA's new policy regarding receiving violent juvenile offenders does concern him and he has talked to Pearl West about this and how it would impact on juvenile and adult courts. Hidden Valley may have to be reopened, although not necessarily as it was used before its closure. It may be used for 707's, girls, younger youth or possibly as the county ranch while Log Cabin would be used for youth who would normally be sent to the CYA. At this point, however, things are in a state of flux. There could possibly be some litigation if a judge orders a youth to the CYA and they refuse to accept him.

Judge Low indicated that he would be holding a meeting with a number of people involved in dependency. He observes that there is a spirit of adversariness that may not be highly desirable as it seems to limit the overall goal of protecting children. Arlo Smith is assigning Judy Whitmer, senior trial attorney, to examine every child abuse case for possible prosecution. He has also talked to the Public Defender's Office re their involvement in dependency.

Judge Low stated that the Commission's letter outlining recommendations is being reviewed by Judge Constine and some recommendations will be acted on at the Juvenile Court Committee meeting on July 10. Positive action will be taken with respect to each recommendation, but they must be acted on by all the Judges of the Superior Court. He indicated that he talks frequently with Judge Benson, who is providing him with information on progrmas he had started at the Court and other matters of interest. The Judge advised the Commission

that they are his eyes and ears and guiding advisory body and he would like to hear from them as to what the Commission is doing, what areas need greater emphasis and any new directions they may wish to go.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

All annual committee reports are in with the exception of the Juvenile Court Committee. It was M/S/C to approval all annual committee reports as submitted.

Commissioner Grandin reported that she and Chairman Gordon are still working on the Probation Stan ards reports. She will report back at the August meeting.

Commissioner Grandin indicated that she has some issue with parts of Mr. Botka's memorandum to the Commission regarding a policy on sexual minority youth. She stated that she would like to wait until Mr. Botka is present before discussing this matter. She did point out that the main recommendation, employing someone or having some available to the Court and Medical/Psychiatric Clinic in an advisory capacity, was not spoken to in the memo. Commissioner Caesar stated that she felt the memo was prepared as a new approach to project goals and to invite discussion and study. She recommended that all Commissioners read the memo and be prepared to discuss the matter at next month's meeting.

Chairman Laws indicated that Commissioner Figone has prepared a proposal regarding Commission attendance and participation but did not have it with him. She asked Commissioner Figone to provide a copy of his proposal to each Commissioner prior to the August meeting in order for Commissioners to review it and be prepared to discuss it.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

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MINUTES OF AUGUST 6, 1981 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Gordon at 12:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Gordon, Laws, Caesar, Costello, Grandin, Marovich, Mayberry, Salerno, Smith, Wada. Excused: Ballou, Cayton. Absent: Figone, Webb. Staff: Botka, Cain. Guests: Carol Blackman, Partners; T. Lee Allen, Jane Asselin, Claire Zvanski, Delinquency Prevention Commission; Sue Kaplan, Sexual Minority Youth Service Coalition; Sue Saperstein, Child Abuse Council; Janet Seldon, Lesbian Rights Project; Laura Grieneeks, YGC Health Care Services.

The minutes of July 2, 1981 were approved with the following correction. Page 3, under Legislative Report: Delete last sentence and replace with the following: On June 16, while in Washington, D.C. for a day of Congressional Visitations, Commissioner Caesar took occasion to discuss the categorical vs block grant proposals which would affect social and human services programs including child abuse, runaways and family planning.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1980-81 annual report of West Bay Health Systems Agency. Brochure on California Training Conference on Child Abuse Prevention, Los Angeles, October 28-30, 1981. Summer/Fall 1981 catalog of National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse. Informational packet from Bay Area Youth-at-Risk Consortium. 1980 report, "California Spotlights Children and Youth," from the Statehouse Conference on Children and Youth Planning Committee. April 1981 report, "The Squires of San Quentin: An Evaluation of a Juvenile Awareness Program," prepared by the Youth Authority. July 1981 issue of "Youth Policy," national news report on federal program for youth and youth serving organizations. Publication, "Child Abuse and Neglect Litigation," from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. July minutes of the DPCC. July 24, 1981 letter from Paul Gross, Chair, Sexual Minority Youth Service Coalition, regarding developing a policy for sexual minority youth and endorsing recommendations made by Sue Saperstein to the Commission and asking for Commission support. Referred to Commissioner Grandin. Description of Project ACTION from the Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Commission of San Bernardino County. A packet of information from the Youth Authority--brochure outlining Prevention and Community Corrections Branch, letter from regional consultant re the August meeting of the Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Commission Network, minutes of June Network meeting, proposed Network by-laws. Referred to Commissioner Grandin.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Chairman Gordon introduced Carol Blackman, a consultant with "Partners."

Ms. Blackman informed the Commission that her job is to present the "Partners" program concept to juvenile justice authorities and the community in San Francisco, go back with a program and then begin fundraising.

Ms. Blackman stated that the "Partners" program, home-based in Denver, Colorado, has been in existence for 12 to 13 years. An office was established in San Mateo County approximately two years ago. The program is 100% funded by the private sector, with fundraising directed toward the corporate world. "Partners" matches up adult volunteers with youth between the ages of 10 and 18 who are involved in the juvenile justice system. Referrals come from San Mateo County Probation and other social service agencies. Sometimes they receive referrals from schools in instances where youth are not actually in the juvenile justice system but are headed in that direction. Participation by adults and youth and their families in the program is strictly voluntary. The relationship between the adult and the youth is on an individual one-to-one basis, and the adult is asked to work with the youth for three to five hours per week. "Partners" also sponsors activities and events such as skiing, camping and trips to Disneyland and other places for group participation. Over 100 youth have gone through the program and there are statistics to back up the success of the program.

Ms. Blackman thanked the Commission for allowing her to make this presentation and left brochures and newsletters for the Commissioners.

REPORTS:

Chief Probation Officer: Mr. Botka reported that the vocational program being developed for Log Cabin Ranch is geared toward providing the youth with training that will lead to a vocation in the areas of culinary arts, auto mechanics, landscaping and building maintenance. Along with training in specific trades, the youth will also learn about the work world in general with respect to obtaining a job and holding on to it, attitude on the job, importance of punctuality and working effectively with supervisors and co-workers. These disadvantaged youth will have a difficult enough time competing for jobs in the market that a program of this type will be most beneficial to them. Ruth Cowan, a member of the Volunteer Auxiliary, has agreed to work with Judge Kline on this project. Mrs. Cowan, Mr. Licavoli and Mr. Botka have already met with Charles Renfrew, who, at the request of Judge Kline, is heading up the fundraising aspect of the program. Judge Kline expects to raise between $200,000 and $300,000 from attorneys and corporations to operate the program. In addition, Judge Kline provided information about a residual grant that might be obtained through the State CETA office that is specifically set aside for vocational programs. An application has been submitted to the State CETA office and a response should be forthcoming within the next month. Both the Executive Committee and the Youth Services Task Force of MCJC have approved the proposed program. It was M/S/C that the Commission give its wholehearted support to the program.

Mr. Botka asked Mr. Cain to present the department's position regarding sexual minority youth. Mr. Cain indicated that a large number of youth with a variety of problems come to the attention of the Probation Department. A number of these youth are "gay" and sometimes this is the central problem, merely a side issue, no problem at all or a problem with respect to parent attitude. Probation staff deals effectively with most problem areas but is not expert in everything. In the case of sexual minority youth, the department is fortunate to have a probation officer who is quite knowledgeable about what should be done in cases of sexual identity situations and the related problems of housing, counseling and family conflict. The probation officer, Judy Schmitz, is in the Family Crisis Intervention Unit and is a member of the Sexual Minority Youth Service Coalition. She is familiar with the agencies providing specific services to these youth and she offers her assistance to all staff. The Psychiatric Clinic also deals with many youth coping with sexual identity problems. Through SB 924 training, staff have been scheduled to attend training seminars to obtain insight and cultural awareness of youth with sexual identity situations and styles. Commissioner Wada asked if there was a policy setting forth disciplinary action for staff found abusing these youth. Mr. Cain stated that abuse of any youth by staff is not tolerated and Mr. Botka pointed out that anyone alleged to have abused a child is turned over to the police for investigation. Commissioner Grandin inquired about the housing of gay identified youth. Mr. Cain stated that gay foster homes are used but that gay identified youth are not automatically placed in such homes. Each case is handled on an individual basis with the particular needs of the child being considered with respect to placement.

By-Laws: Commissioner Laws indicated that she had talked with Commissioner Figone about his proposed revisions. He stated that he would be attending the meeting and would present the revisions at that time. However, he was unable to attend the meeting. Commissioner Figone will be asked to be prepared to report at the next meeting.

Juvenile Court: Commissioner Wada reported that arrangements are being made to visit the courts of the Judge and the Referees within the next month.

Community Liaison: Commissioner Laws reported that she attended the Community Services Committee meeting two weeks ago. She stated that a resolution had been passed and noted that the resolution was in each Commissioner's folder. She also reported that she attended the DPC meeting but had nothing specific to report.

YGC Evaluation: Commissioner Grandin reported that the questionnaire has been finalized and an interview schedule has been drawn up. Interviews are in progress and going well. She indicated that completion of the evaluation is tentatively set for September. Commissioner Laws stated that she has completed two interviews at this time and would like committee members to get together to discuss their progress thus far and to share interviewing techniques, difficulties and experiences. Commissioner Grandin said she would call a meeting.

Legislative: Commissioner Caesar indicated that her report is factual but not conclusive and said she would finish it up by the next meeting. Several

Commissioners commented that they were having difficulty identifying legislation when the bill number was not included. Commissioner Wada asked if a recommendation of support/oppose could be included so the Commission could take action on the legislation. Commissioner Caesar indicated that she would follow through on these two suggestions.

Commissioner Marovich stated that he had attended the Community Services Committee meet ng where Harvey Rose's report on out-of-home placement was being discussed. He indicated that Mr. Botka represented the Court very well in responding to the report. Mr. Botka also arranged to have Brian Cahill, California Association of Services to Children, attend the meeting. Mr. Cahill effectively pointed up all the discrepancies in the report.

Chairman Gordon stated that he would like to discuss the status offender matter in detail at next month's meeting. He stated that Judge Kline and other Judges are interested in the Commission's stand. He also stated that he, along with Commissioners Laws and Grandin, have had the opportunity to meet with members of Coleman and the Youth Advocacy Project and the Commission is being asked for its opinion. He indicated that he does not wish to express an opinion without input from all Commissioners. Commissioner Laws suggested that the matter be put over for discussion to the October meeting.

Mr. Botka commented that the resolution in the Commissioners' folders is an amended version of the resolution presented at the Community Services Committee meeting. He also indicated that the matter has been continued for three weeks and pointed out that the wording of the resolution is looking to ways to better handle status offenders and provide improved services. Commissioner Wada asked whether it was important to take a position of support or oppose at this time. He indicated that he is generally in favor of the resolution. Commissioner Laws stated that she didn't find anything objectional in the resolution and suggested that Mr. Botka might advise them on the language of it. Mr. Botka commented that the resolution is quite open-ended and is, in essence, urging the Court to develop a service. It is not mandating anything specific, just asking the Court to take a good look at the situation. Commissioner Grandin questioned the wording "Juvenile Court Probation acting as contract monitor," which suggests the resolution is somewhat specific. Commissioner Marovich remarked that the resolution seemed broad based and didn't see any problem with approving it, although he would like the financial aspect addressed at some point. Mr. Botka indicated that one of the reasons for continuing the matter was Supervisor Kopp's concern of the funding and possibly issuing a "blank check." Commissioner Salerno suggested that the Judge and/or the Commission might request a further continuance of the matter. Chairman Gordon agreed that the wording of the resolution is quite broad but felt that the concept was appropriate. He stated that he still wanted to discuss the entire status offender issue in detail at the next meeting. It was M/S/C, with Commissioner Laws abstaining, to endorse the resolution.

Chairman: Chairman Gordon commented that all Commissioners should have received a copy of the minutes of the Judges' meeting concerning the hiring policy at the Juvenile Court. Commissioner Grandin, referring to Mr. Botka's memo of May 26 regarding hiring policies, inquired about "sensitive" positions.

Mr. Botka indicated that these positions would be probation officers and counselors and not janitors and clerical staff. Commissioner Marovich remarked that even janitors, clerks and laundry personnel have a certain amount of interaction with the youth. Commissioner Grandin added that some of the youth do work in the laundry and the kitchen. Mr. Botka stated that he would remove the phrase "people being assigned to sensitive positions" and insert "all applicants." Mr. Botka stated that all applicants are being screened more thoroughly now and that a registered sex offender, for example, would not be hired in any capacity in the department. A couple of staff at the janitorial and clerical level had been on leave and under the care of a psychiatrist, but prior to their returning to work, they were cleared by the Civil Service doctor as well as their own. Since their return, there have been no problems. Commissioner Wada stated that a lot of emphasis was being placed on sex offenders but he is equally concerned about dope peddlers, ill-tempered individuals and such. Commissioner Laws indicated that Commissioner Smith felt that any references, solicited or unsolicited, should be confirmed in writing. Mr. Botka said he would include a statement with regard to confirming references in writing. Commissioner Laws suggested that Commissioner Salerno, who has been quite interested in this matter, be asked to review the memo at length and report back at the September meeting. Meanwhile, the rest of the Commissioners should read the memo and be prepared to provide input so the hiring policies of the Juvenile Court can be approved by the Commission at the September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Laws announced that the workshop would be on October 6 at Commissioner Ballou's home.

Commissioner Laws reported that she would not be able to attend the network meeting of juvenile justice and delinquency prevention commissions on August 25 in Santa Clara and asked for a volunteer to attend this meeting. Commissioner Grandin agreed to try to attend.

Chairman Gordon announced that Jane Asselin is the DPC liaison to the Juvenile Justice Commission. He asked her to make a short presentation at the next meeting and outline her ideas and plans as the liaison.

T. Lee Allen of the DPC asked Chairman Gordon if he could address an important issue at this time. Chairman Gordon stated that it would not be possible at this meeting and asked Mr. Allen to contact him prior to the September meeting to arrange to be placed on the agenda.

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 2 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

375 Woodside Avenue
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MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1981 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Gordon at 12:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Gordon, Ayala, Caesar, Costello, Figone, Grandin, Smith, Sprague, Wada, Webb. Excused: Ballou, Cayton, Laws, Marovich, Mayberry, Salerno. Staff: Low, Botka. Guests: Cleo Rand, Young Community Developers; Sondra Napell, Judge Low's Law Clerk; Claire Zvanski, Delinquency Prevention Commission; Sue Kaplan, Sexual Minority Youth Service Coalition; Lorraine Honig, Coleman Children and Youth Services.

The minutes of August 6, 1981 were approved as submitted.

Commissioner Grandin reported that she received a call from Eliana Gil, who indicated that she was ill and would not be able to make her presentation as scheduled. She has been rescheduled for the October meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter from Janet Seldon, Lesbian Rights Project, expressing dissatisfaction with Commission's handling of sexual minority youth needs issue. Referred to Commissioner Grandin for follow-up. Thank you letter from Carol Blackman, Partners, for allowing her to present the Partners program. Announcement of a child abuse training seminar, September 28-29 in Riverside. Referred to Commissioner Costello. Invitation to a luncheon meeting hosted by The Friends of Langley Porter Institute, honoring Libby Denebeim and Crown Zellerbach, with presentation by Dr. Paul Ekman, "Multiple Meanings of the Smile," October 1. Article written by Dr. Jason Baron, Deer Park Hospital, concerning kids and drugs. August issue of "Youth Issues." Letter from Charles Edlin, Delinquency Prevention Commission, concerning statements made at July Commission meeting regarding a Delinquency Prevention Commissioner. Letter from Charles Edlin expressing regrets for any misunderstanding concerning the matter of statements made by a Delinquency Prevention Commissioner.

Chairman Gordon acknowledged Cleo Rand, Executive Director of Young Community Developers. Mr. Rand stated that he was here to make a presentation to Mr. Botka for the services he has rendered to the community over the years. Mr. Rand stated that when he became director, Mr. Botka came to visit their offices and toured the neighborhood and has always been most cooperative with the community. He stated that the community recognizes and supports the hard work and the efforts of Mr. Botka in working with them. In appreciation, Mr. Rand presented a plaque to Mr. Botka.

JUDGE'S CORNER:

Judge Low announced that in compliance with recent legislation calling for two members of the Juvenile Justice Commission to be between the ages of 14 and 21, he would be appointing two youth commissioners today. He then introduced the two new Commissioners, Joseph Ayala and Milo Sprague. Mr. Ayala is in his second year at City College and plans to go on to the University of San Francisco. He is active in the Latino community and other community affairs and will add insight and strength to the Commission. Mr. Sprague is a senior at Lowell High School, where he is very active in school affairs. He is eager to learn more about the Commission and to assist the young people of San Francisco. Both new Commissioners were sworn in by Judge Low and will serve a one-year term. On behalf of the Commission, Chairman Gordon welcomed Commissioners Ayala and Sprague.

Judge Low indicated that he is considering a restructuring of the Commission. He stated that there are several Commissioners who, because of other responsibilities, are no longer able to devote the desired time with the Commission. He believes that by establishing an advisory commission composed of former Commissioners, the Commission would benefit by their expertise and knowledge and at the same time create vacancies on the Commission to allow for appointing new full-time members. He stated that he is going to work this idea through and asked the Commission to give him their thoughts. He also pointed out that he would make an aggressive attempt to bring in other minorities and individuals of varied backgrounds who would be able to make a contribution toward the work of the Commission.

Judge Low stated that the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution calling for a change in direction with respect to the handling of status offenders, which this Commission has endorsed in principle. The resolution calls for MCJC to be the vehicle for the study and development of specific plans including a comprehensive budget. Generally, the plan would focus on culturally relevant neighborhood services for status offenders. The Judge stated that he has communicated his concerns to the Board of Supervisors. His concerns are: 1) Separation of powers. The Judges cannot be directed by the legislative body. Any proposal would have to be adopted by all of the Superior Court Judges, not just the Juvenile Court Judge. 2) Legal problems. Intake provisions of the law state that youth must go through some agency such as Probation and police have certain responsibilities. 3) Fiscal. Housing is expensive and there may be some duplication of effort. Also, neighboring counties fiscal experience and projections indicate costs may be equal or higher. 4) Image of an "open" city. Youth may be attracted from out of the county and become victims or involved in criminal activity. Judge Low stated that he wants the Commission to be very involved in the planning process. A plan is supposed to be drawn up and submitted to the Board's Community Services Committee by October 23.

Judge Low spoke of his long-time interest in education and the importance of instilling in youth the desire to get an education. He stated that attendance in shcool is always a condition of probation and that probation officers have been assigned to the schools to monitor attendance of probationers. Judge Low also stated that he intends to re-examine the educational process in

Juvenile Hall and at Log Cabin Ranch. He believes the vocational program at the Ranch is very important to the future of the youth there and must be improved. He indicated that he would be visiting the Ranch in a couple of weeks along with Kevin Starr and Charles Renfrew. He has also talked to the Golden Gate Breakfast Club and the lawyers in the "Helping Hands" program. Judge Low feels there are many resources to draw upon to enhance the educational program for the youth here. Volunteers can be brought in to lecture on Black history, contributions of the Spanish and other such cultural studies.

Judge Low indicated that he is working on the dependency issue and meets regularly with those involved. He wants to closely monitor dependency cases and fine tune the computer operation to highlight problem cases. The Judge has met with the Junior League and the Jewish Women's Council in hopes that they will give new dimensions to the matter of dependency as lay volunteer persons to focus on helping the child.

Judge Low announced that the Juvenile Court has entered into a contract for diagnostic services with the California Youth Authority for those juveniles requiring such services.

Judge Low stated that he is still working on staffing for 707 youth. He had hoped to get some money from the CYA but that resource has not yet been successful. He wants to get adequate, trained staff so that juveniles will not have to be sent to county jail.

Judge Low remarked that the Commission has been most helpful in pointing out areas where improvements can be made. He is very cognizant of the study being done by the Commission to evaluate the YGC. The results of this study will be looked at very closely and recommendations may be implemented. The Superior Court Judges welcome and appreciate Commission reports and the work of the Commission.

Commissioner Costello asked if the Judge intended to appoint a special ad hoc committee with respect to the anti-truancy program. Judge Low indicated that he does not intend to at this time, however, should the effort become very large and time consuming, he may do something along that line. Commissioner Figone stated that the school department is very appreciative of Judge Low's input into the truancy issue and the cooperation of the Juvenile Court in working on this project.

REPORTS:

Chairman Gordon asked Sue Kaplan if she would verbally relay the message of a letter directed to the Commission but not received at this time.

Sue Kaplan indicated that a letter had been sent to the Commission asking for co-sponsorship of a one-day conference on status offenders on November 17. She stated that the Youth Advocacy Project would take responsibility for the planning of workshops, panels and any other details. The work being done by the MCJC committee charged with coming up with a plan re status offenders will be highlighted at this conference. She stated that the Delinquency Prevention

Commission and the Mayor's Criminal Justice Council are being asked to be co-sponsors also. Commissioner Wada stated that he favored the Commission co-sponsoring but with the stipulation that a member of the Commission serve on the planning committee for the program of the day. Several other Commissioners emphasized that a Commissioner should actively serve on the planning committee. It was M/S/C to co-sponsor the conference with Commissioner Grandin serving on the planning committee.

Claire Zvanski pointed out to Chairman Gordon that there is a subcommittee of the MCJC Youth Services/AB 90 Task Force formed to specifically research and draw up a plan to be submitted to the task force re the status offender issue. She indicated that there is no representation from the Juvenile Justice Commission and thought there should be. Mr. Botka stated that he is a member of the task force and that Dennis Sweeney is representing the Probation Department on the subcommittee. Commissioner Caesar stated that she would represent the Commission on the subcommittee with the assistance of Dennis Sweeney and asked that Chairman Gordon write a letter to the chairman of the task force so indicating. Chairman Gordon indicated that he needed an alternate to serve for him on the Youth Services/AB 90 Task Force. Commissioner Webb said she would serve as alternate and asked Chairman Gordon to so inform Rotea Gilford. Commissioner Costello suggested that the two new Commissioners might be assigned to serve on the task force as it would be an opportunity to get an introduction to the juvenile justice system.

Chief Probation Officer: Mr. Botka reported that the department is now operating under the new fiscal year and that salary savings in the amount of $433,000 must be met. He has written a letter to the Mayor outlining the plan for salary savings, which includes not filling 10 probation officer positions, closing of one cottage in Juvenile Hall and not filling other positions throughout the department. This letter is available to the Commission. Commissioner Wada inquired about the 10 probation officer slots being left vacant and what it would mean in terms of caseloads and services to youth. Mr. Botka stated that some restructuring of the department may have to take place and that the matter is being watched carefully. Commissioner Wada pointed out that if youth do not receive adequate counseling services, they will get in trouble again.

Mr. Botka stated that the Probation Department is looking forward to interacting with the school department to improve student attendance, especially for those students on probation.

Mr. Botka welcomed the two new Commissioners and urged them to read the staff meeting minutes distributed to the Commission as a way of keeping up with happenings in the Probation Department.

By-Laws: Commissioner Figone reported that he has prepared a proposed amendment regarding participation in Commission activities, but he would like to discuss it at the October meeting. A copy of this proposal will be mailed to Commissioners for perusal prior to the meeting.

Legislative: Commissioner Caesar stated that she would leave a copy of SB 14 in the Commission office. She indicated that this is a very important piece of legislation pertaining to dependency and is linked to Public Law 96272.

Juvenile Court: Commissioner Webb stated that the 1980-81 annual committee report has been distributed to all Commissioners. Commissioner Caesar announced that the current committee has met and established a date to tour the courts and to talk to various individuals involved in the court process.

Chairman: Chairman Gordon stated that everyone should have received Mr. Botka's memorandum of August 19 containing revisions to the hiring policy as suggested by the Commission at the August meeting. It was M/S/C to approve the hiring policy as outlined in the memorandum.

Chairman Gordon informed the new Commissioners of the workshop to be held on October 6 and urged all Commissioners to attend.

Chairman Gordon stated that he wanted to discuss the status offender issue but because there would not be sufficient time and several commissioners were not present, he asked that the matter be put over to the next meeting. It was M/S/C to carry the matter over to the next meeting.

DPC Liaison: Claire Zvanski indicated that Jane Asselin was not able to attend the meeting today. She stated that Jane would like to discuss and clarify the two letters from Charles Edlin to the Commission concerning the actions of a Delinquency Prevention Commissioner at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Costello asked that the following items be placed on the October meeting agenda: 1) Policy re liaison persons, 2) Policy re co-sponsorships and 3) Discuss whether there should be a finance committee of the Commission during the budget process for input and assistance in lobbying. Chairman Gordon stated that these items would be on the October agenda and pointed out to the Commissioners that if there is any matter they wish to have on the agenda to just give him a call.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart M. Gordon, Chairman
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MINUTES OF OCTOBER 1, 1981 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Gordon at 12:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Gordon, Laws, Ballou, Ayala, Caesar, Marovich, Salerno, Smith, Sprague, Wada, Webb. Excused: Cayton, Costello, Figone, Grandin, Mayberry. Staff: Botka, Cain, Bailey. Guests: Kathleen Ryan, Volunteer Auxiliary; Laura Grieneeks, YGC Health Care Services; Claire Zvanski, Delinquency Prevention Commission; Pete Semiraro, Youth Advocacy Project; Sue Kaplan, Sexual Minority Youth Service Coalition; Lorraine Honig, Coleman Children and Youth Services.

The minutes of September 3, 1981 were approved as submitted.

Chairman Gordon welcomed the guests in attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter from Santa Clara County Juvenile Justice Commission relaying information about the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission Network, Region III. Announcement of a training conference on child abuse prevention, October 28-30, 1981. Letters from Del Martin, Commission on Crime Control and Violence Prevention; John C. Morrissey, Human Rights Commission; Russ Zellers, Hospitality House; Rachel Ginsburg, Bay Area Lesbians in Law; Karen AndersonRyer, Human Rights Foundation, Inc.; and Assemblyman Art Agnos concerning the Commission's position on the issue of sexual minority youth.

Chairman Gordon stated that the letters from the above individuals/agencies concerning the issue of sexual minority youth are critical of the Commission's response to the Probation Department's policy regarding this matter. Chairman Gordon indicated that Commissioner Grandin, who has been working on this matter, feels a certain amount of frustration because of the unresponsiveness of the Probation Department as well as the Commission over the issue of sexual minority youth.

JUDGE'S CORNER:

Mr. Botka stated that Judge Low, who is attending a meeting of the Board of Prison Terms today, asked him to give his report.

Beginning October 7, the mental health calendar will no longer be heard by the Juvenile Court Judge but will be heard by Judge Ray Arata, Jr., at

San Francisco General Hospital. This will allow Judge Low to concentrate on Juvenile Court matters, which remain very heavy and the caseload is likely to increase.

Judge Low has met with police officers, school officials, counselors and interested groups and has cooperated in other ways to have the Probation Department and the Court assist in the "Stay in School" program. The Judge thinks it is vital that we keep youngsters in the public schools. In many cases it is a matter of reenforcing conditions of probation.

On December 1 a multi-cultural lecture series is scheduled to begin in the cottages. Through the efforts of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission, there will be lectures each week or every other week on Black, Hispanic and Asian history, art, culture and related subjects. The goal is to encourage minority youngsters to have a comfortable feeling about themselves, to have some pride in their own background and to develop a greater self-esteem. The Judge is soliciting the Commission's help in this matter.

Judge Low met with the San Francisco Bar Association's Blue Ribbon Committee studying the Juvenile Court system. He informed them that the Juvenile Justice Commission is undertaking a survey regarding staffing and management effectiveness at the Youth Guidance Center. Chairman Tom Smegal and the Bar Committee are very much interested in bringing either a second judge or another part-time judge to the Youth Guidance Center. This is a viewpoint which the Commission shares. The Commission may wish to coordinate with Tom Smegal concerning its study.

Judge Low is holding regular meetings with those agencies and persons who are handling dependency cases. He is hopeful that not only can dependency proceedings be expedited, but quickly provide dependents stability to their legal status.

On September 22, Joe Botka, Kevin Starr, Tom Smegal, Judge Renfrew and Judge Low visited Log Cabin Ranch. A very positive article appeared in Kevin Starr's column on Sunday, September 27. More vocational programs need to be developed to serve the young people at Log Cabin and to provide continuing guidance to them when they graduate. The Judge hopes that the Commission will take a role in this and assist the Court and the Probation Department in expanding some of its vocational programs. There is a wealth of space and potential at Log Cabin which needs further development.

Judge Low looks forward to seeing the Commission on October 6 at Commissioner Ballou's home.

REPORTS:

Chief Probation Officer: Mr. Botka advised the Commission that the Volunteer Auxiliary will be wrapping Christmas gifts in the Airplane Room from November 9 through Christmas and asked if the Commission would meet in the Main Conference Room for its December meeting.

Mr. Botka expressed his appreciation for being invited to the Commission's workshop but indicated that he will be in San Jose that evening. He and other City department heads are meeting with the IBM people to update themselves in information systems. He also indicated that he will be on vacation at the time of the Commission's November meeting.

Mr. Botka stated that before the Court or the Probation Department endorses any program with respect to the handling of status offenders, the Commission will be advised. A representative group of public and community agencies is developing a program, which will be submitted to the Juvenile Court as well as to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Mr. Botka reported that the Probation Department will have a liaison person coordinating with the school department on the "Stay in School" program. He also indicated that Judge Low would be talking to the Commission about this anti-truancy project.

Mr. Botka stated that the first quarter of the fiscal year has ended and the department is on target in its expenditures. In order to meet budget requirements, the department is operating with B3 closed. This reduces the capacity in Juvenile Hall from 139 to 119. Today's count is 104. If it is necessary to open B3 to handle more youth, the department will not be able to maintain its salary savings. Should the situation ever reach this point, he will discuss the matter with the Commission and perhaps jointly meet with the Mayor regarding a solution. Mr. Botka pointed out that the Juvenile Court is included in the Mayor's crime package this year in the amount of $403,000. Because the crime package is essentially a one-year item, it will be necessary to get $403,000 allocated to the Juvenile Court's budget next year. Mr. Botka stated that if the Commission does establish a finance committee, he would like to get together with that committee and discuss ways to approach this situation.

Mr. Botka informed the Commission that the 1980 annual report is in their folders. He indicated that Sandra Clayborn worked very hard on this report and he is very proud of it.

Commissioner Sprague asked Mr. Botka how the Commission could be more actively involved in the "Stay in School" program. Mr. Botka indicated that Commissioner Figone is a staff member of the school department and in charge of the program. He suggested that Commissioner Sprague contact him.

By-Laws: Commissioner Webb suggested that in the absence of Commissioner Figone, this matter be deferred to the workshop.

Chairman: Chairman Gordon suggested that the discussion of the status offender issue be deferred to the workshop.

Chairman Gordon passed around a proposed agenda for the workshop and asked Commissioners to make additions or comments.

Juvenile Court: Commissioner Caesar reported that her committee made its tour of duty of the Juvenile Court on September 24 and met with one official

this morning. A partial report was made to the Judge during lunch on the 24th. An interim report will be made to the Commission at the November meeting.

Legislative: Commissioner Caesar referred to the report she sent to Commissioners earlier this week. Although the Legislature has recessed, there is a possibility that they may meet sometime in October. Also, some bills did not pass and were not defeated. These bills have been assigned to committees for interim review between now and the end of the year.

Commissioner Caesar indicated that a copy of PL 96272, the federal youth act of 1980, will be on file in the Commission office in a week or so.

Status Offender Workshop: Commissioner Laws stated that she was making a report for Commissioner Grandin, who has been assigned to represent the Commission on the planning committee for the status offender workshop. The workshop will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. There will be a welcome by the leaders of the Mayor's Criminal Justice Council, the Delinquency Prevention Commission and the Juvenile Justice Commission between 9 and 10 a.m. From 10:30 a.m. to noon, there will be panels. At 1:15 p.m., after a lunch break, workshops will be begin. Topics for the workshops are: general problems of status offenders; special problems of girls; how private and public sectors can work together. Coffee and donuts will be served in the morning and this Commission has been asked to provide these refreshments. It was M/S/C to provide coffee and donuts for the workshop.

Sue Kaplan pointed out that the workshop program is still in the planning stages and that much of what Commissioner Laws just presented has been changed. A letter thanking the Commission for co-sponsoring the workshop has been sent to Stuart Gordon. This letter also requests that the Chairman make a five-minute presentation to indicate the work of the Commission as well as its interest and involvement in status offenders to ensure that the Commission's interests are represented. Panels will have representatives from each branch of City government. Rotea Gilford and Carol Ruth Silver have agreed to participate and the committee is waiting to hear from Judge Dearman. The afternoon session will focus on the status offender plan being developed by MCJC and a question/answer/discussion period will be included. The day should end between 3:30 and 4 p.m. She indicated that Commissioner Grandin is involved in the planning and will be aware of the revisions in the agenda for the day.

Commissioner Caesar stated that she had agreed to be the Commission's representative on the planning committee of the status offender workshop. She indicated that she has not received any information about meetings of the committee. Chairman Gordon stated that Commission Caesar had been asked to represent the Commission on the subcommittee of the AB 90/Youth Services Task Force of MCJC, which is working on a plan for handling status offenders. He indicated that Commissioner Webb had agreed to serve as his alternate on the AB 90/Youth Services Task Force. Commissioner Webb stated that she had agreed to serve as Chairman Gordon's alternate on the Executive Committee of MCJC. Commissioner Laws suggested that the Commission review the various committees and meetings it is attempting to cover at the workshop next week.

NEW BUSINESS:

Since Commissioner Costello was not present, the items she placed on the agenda were deferred to the November meeting.

Commissioner Laws pointed out that Commissioner Grandin will not be able to attend the workshop on October 6. Since Commissioner Grandin has much of the input for several issues to be discussed at the workshop, Commissioner Laws suggested putting the workshop over to another date. Commissioner Ballou said she would check her calendar for October 13 and send out notices accordingly.

Mr. Botka referred to the correspondence from various agencies concerning the policy of the Probation Department regarding sexual minority youth. He asked to have copies of these letters sent to him. He also indicated that if these agencies question the policy of the department, they should communicate with his office as it is an administrative matter.

Commissioner Wada stated that since Commissioner Grandin's committee is involved with the issue of sexual minority youth, the Commission should receive a report from her committee. It would be premature of the Commission to take a stand prior to receiving such a report. Also, this matter should be discussed at a regular Commission meeting prior to the Commission taking a position on the matter.

Claire Zvanski stated that she was asked to point out the lack of representation by this Commission at the Network meetings of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commissions. Also, there will be a conference in October which will cover some very important issues as well as provide some training. She urged the Commission to send representation to the monthly Network meetings.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5, 1981 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Gordon at 12:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Gordon, Laws, Ballou, Cayton, Basse, Caesar, Costello, Figone, Grandin, Marovich, Salerno, Smith, Wada, Webb. Excused: Ayala, Mayberry, Sprague. Staff: Cain, Foote. Guests: Marilyn Borovoy, MCJC Youth Services/ AB 90 Task Force; Kathleen Ryan, Volunteer Auxiliary; Laura Grieneeks, YGC Health Care Services; Margaret Brodkin, Coleman Children and Youth Services; Sue Kaplan, Sexual Minority Youth Service Coalition; Claire Zvanski, Delinquency Prevention Commission; students from City College and San Francisco State University.

The minutes of October 1, 1981 were approved as submitted.

Chairman Gordon introduced Commissioner Jewel Kolling Basse, who was appointed to the Juvenile Justice Commission by Judge Harry Low on October 29.

Chairman Gordon acknowledged and welcomed all guests in attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Chairman Gordon stated that the Commission has received more letters from individuals concerning the sexual minority youth issue. He has written a response to all letters received and has indicated that an hour will be set aside at the Commission's December 3 meeting to discuss this matter.

Program report from JJ/DPC Region III Network and needs assessment survey about training needs for commissioners. Flyer announcing a jam dance benefit for California Youth-at-Risk Network. September minutes of Bay Area Youth-at-Risk Consortium and agenda for November 13 meeting. Communications passed to Commissioners for perusal.

JUDGE'S CORNER:

Judge Low, who is attending a two-day meeting in New York, asked Mr. Cain to present his report.

The Stay in School program is working well. Truants brought by police to one of the four counseling centers are checked to see if any are on probation to the Juvenile Court. All wards are brought before the Judge for review of their probationary status. The Judge has heard 33 cases to date. All are admonished about their probationary status, the duty to be on good behavior and to obey all conditions, including school attendance. Almost all are required

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to perform some community service, generally some clean-up work at the Youth Guidance Center for two to four hours. Seven have been detained for new offenses or for more aggravated violations of probation conditions and the filing of a 777 supplemental petition. The Judge thinks the educational process is enhanced, probation is made more meaningful and idle youthful activity leading to new mischief is reduced.

The Judge is hopeful that the Court can soon expand the review of possible probation violations by other wards of the court. He hopes to study other conditions such as home detention, curfew enforcement and orders for restitution or performance of service ordered. Improved monitoring of wards referred to community agencies will also be studied.

With the aid of the Referees, the District Attorney and defense counsel, several court procedures are being reviewed. Several new memorandum of procedures will soon be filed. These relate to timing of fitness hearings, appointment of counsel, sealing of records and confidentiality of juvenile hearings. Other matters are also under review.

The program to bring guest speakers on Black, Latino and Asian heritage to those detained in the cottages should begin on December 1. The Human Rights Commission will sponsor these lectures.

Efforts to expand vocational programs for juveniles in the justice system continues. The Judge anticipates savings in Probation staff time by reduced time demands of three court officers. He hopes to redirect some of that time toward helping develop vocational programs and helping to develop job prospects for wards.

The possible change in methods for the processing and the care of status offenders continues to be reviewed by the Mayor's Criminal Justice Council. Perhaps Yori Wada or other members of the Commission can provide current information on the status of this. The Judge met with MCJC staff on November 2 and shared his views with them. He pointed out that any change in procedures must be approved by all the Judges of the Superior Court.

On October 20, the Judge met with Doug Cunningham of the Office of Criminal Justice Planning, Rotea Gilford of MCJC and Joseph Botka. The Youth Guidance Center should be receiving $180,000 in early 1982 for staffing and staff training for a two-year period. The $180,000 will allow the YGC to keep all 707b's (16 to 18-year-olds charged as adults) in facilities at the YGC and not house youths in adult jails. Pearl West was of great help to the Judge in seeking this grant from the California Council on Criminal Justice.

The Judge has participated in two community forums, a radio talk show (Owen Spann) and numerous individual group meetings. Within reason, he would like to be as accessible as possible.

The Judge appreciates the fine work the Commission is doing for the Court and knows the time devoted to studying the Juvenile Court will greatly aid the youth of San Francisco.

Commissioner Costello asked Mr. Foote if there were any efforts being made to separate 707's from other B5 residents. Mr. Foote indicated that at this time it is not possible to separate the youth. Commissioner Laws asked whether he was satisfied with the situation. Mr. Foote stated that it was the most workable and reasonable at this time. He indicated that if the Court received the grant mentioned by Judge Low, it would allow for an additional employee in the evenings and on weekends as well as a supervisor who will be directly responsible to him and Mrs. Bailey. Commissioner Grandin asked Mr. Foote what the philosophy of B5 is. He stated that the program is more restricted than other cottages. The youth do not participate in crafts class nor do they go to the chapel for religious services. Discipline is more intense than in other cottages in that these youth do not respond in the same way as the less serious offenders. Commissioner Wada inquired if some of the grant money could be used to renovate B5. Mr. Foote indicated that all of the money is for staffing, but he hopes that some of it can be used for training the staff persons involved. Commissioner Costello stated that she protests the situation and that the grant is not the solution. She recognizes the economics involved but mixing these two categories of offenders is not proper because of the peer pressure that will be exerted by the more serious offenders over the less serious offenders.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Marilyn Borovoy introduced herself, indicating that she had been the President of the Volunteer Auxiliary of the Youth Guidance Center nine years ago, and that following her term of office she was appointed by then Mayor Alioto to the Mayor's Criminal Justice Council. For the past four years she has chaired the Youth Services Task Force.

On August 31, the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution urging the Mayor to use the Mayor's Criminal Justice Council and all appropriate individuals and agencies to develop a specific plan, including a comprehensive budget, for family-focused, culturally-relevant, neighborhood services for status offenders.

In January 1977, AB 3121 went into effect whereby probation officers could contract with community agencies and have status offenders delivered directly to community agencies. This type of program is working in all but seven counties in California.

The Board of Supervisors has asked that a specific plan be developed, and representatives from the community, probation, police and other areas are working on the development of such a plan. At this point an interim proposed status offender model has been developed. It is not the final plan and will be reworked prior to submission to the Board of Supervisors. It calls for the police, upon picking up status offenders, to either phone into a switchboard (a 24-hour central facility) for an agency referral or to take them directly to a community agency.

The functions of the central facility are a switchboard operation, a few back-up beds in case youth are not taken to a community agency, assessment of case or crisis counseling, shelter clearinghouse, arrangement for shelter in foster or group home, short-term counseling, transportation and record keeping.

Community agencies would do the actual case management during duty hours, approximately 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. They would receive the youth from the police and provide crisis counseling, bring in the family, arrange for shelter, continue short-term counseling, refer to appropriate public agencies as needed and so forth. Staffing for the central facility would be on a 24-hour basis. Community based agencies would provide personnel.

Curfew violators in need of shelter would be brought to the central facility until parents could pick up the youth. Usual Probation Department procedures would then follow.

The Probation Department's role would be to contract with the central facility and community agencies, set up standards, monitor the program to ensure that it is being run properly. The Police Commission has already set a policy stating that the probation officer should be directly involved as the primary contact between the police department and community based agencies. The committee is not happy with this policy but will work with it and a plan will be developed and presented to the Community Services Committee of the Board of Supervisors on December 4.

Commissioner Ballou asked who would administer the central facility and who would make decisions on staffing it. Mrs. Borovoy indicated that this would be part of the contract developed by the Probation Department.

Commissioner Figone inquired about the number of community agencies involved. Mrs. Borovoy stated that AB 90 money or foundation money would be used but no ad valorem dollars. Not many community agencies could be used because of the limited funding, but there is no exact number at this time. Commissioner Wada indicated that the committee was recommending the use of five community agencies, one in each community within the City.

Commissioner Grandin stated that she was confused about what would be voted on. Mrs. Borovoy indicated that the Board of Supervisors asked that a specific plan be developed with a comprehensive budget. The AB 90/Youth Services Task Force is developing the plan, and when it is finalized, it will be presented to the Mayor's Criminal Justice Council for approval. It will then be presented to the Community Services Committee of the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Commissioner Wada stated that the Probation Department and the Juvenile Court Judge's involvement are critical as to what happens at the central facility if the police department won't take youth there without a probation officer situated there.

Chairman Gordon asked what the committee is doing about the police department's policy. Mrs. Borovoy stated that the policy could be interpreted to mean staffing the facility with a probation officer or a call to the Probation Department for referral to a community agency. The committee will have to discuss this matter with the police department.

Commissioner Figone asked if other counties contracting out services had probation officers at referral centers. Mrs. Borovoy indicated that probation officers are not in the facilities but monitor the program with contracting agencies. In Alameda County the probation department and the community agencies have a very cooperative relationship.

Commissioner Laws asked if the community agencies to be involved would be identified by December 4. Mrs. Borovoy stated that most likely a request for proposals would be put out by the Probation Department specifying the types of services they are seeking. Those community agencies which could fulfill the requirements would submit proposals.

Commissioner Laws inquired about a back-up plan for youth who just don't work out in the community agencies. Mrs. Borovoy stated that the majority of youth can be handled in the community but there are cases that cannot be solved in community agencies. The plan is to maintain one status offender cottage at the Youth Guidance Center for such cases. This is a suggestion which has not been voted on.

Chairman Gordon thanked Mrs. Borovoy for speaking to the Commission on this very important issue. Mrs. Borovoy indicated that if Commissioners have any further questions, they should feel free to call on her.

Commissioner Sprague: Chairman Gordon reported that Commissioner Sprague broke his leg in a soccer game last week and would be in UC Hospital for a week. He indicated that a card or a phone call would be welcomed.

REPORTS:

Legislative: Commissioner Caesar reviewed her most recent legislative report sent to Commissioners, specifically in the area of the decision by the State Supreme Court to deny prosecutors "discovery." She suggested that the Commission should communicate with other juvenile justice and delinquency prevention commissions to do something about this decision. Commissioner Laws suggested that the court's decision be read to determine the basis of the decision. Chairman Gordon said he would review the decision and forward a summary of it to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Wada referred to Commissioner Caesar's report concerning AB 23 and SB 312. He moved that the Commission go on record against both of these bills and forward such recommendation to our legislators. Seconded and carried. It was M/S/C that Chairman Gordon proceed with the appropriate correspondence. Commissioner Caesar stated that she would send out a memo regarding these bills so that Commissioners could write individual letters as well.

Juvenile Court: Commissioner Caesar reported that a copy of the committee's interim report is in each Commissioner's folder. She briefly reviewed this report and asked Commissioners to read the recommendations listed. It was M/S/C to accept the report.

YGC Evaluation: Commissioner Grandin reported that the committee met recently and went through some of the interviews. Most interviews have been completed and the committee will hold its final meeting on November 14 to organize the results of its interviews into a final report.

Chairman Gordon stated that he had appeared at the Blue Ribbon Committee of the San Francisco Bar Association reviewing the Juvenile Court system. This committee indicated that it would hold off on what it is doing until the YGC Evaluation Committee report comes out. He informed them that the report is due to come out in December.

Commissioner Grandin stated that she had been approached by the Bar's committee about the Commission's report. Her feelings are that each group should conduct its own investigation and report accordingly instead of borrowing from each other. Chairman Gordon stated that he told the Bar committee it should proceed to do its own evaluation and report and not to rely on what the Commission is doing. The committee indicated that it merely wanted to wait until the Commission completed its study.

Commissioner Grandin stated that her committee will prepare a final report on November 14. The next step is to have the Commission meet as a whole and discuss this report. After some discussion, the Commission decided to meet on Saturday, December 5, 9 a.m., at Chairman Gordon's office. The meeting will last as long as necessary but efforts will be made to keep it as short as possible so that all Commissioners can attend and stay for the entire meeting.

Commissioner Wada voiced his concern over who requested this study and who will be reciiving copies of the report. He is not sure that it should be made available to others if it involves personnel matters. Chairman Gordon stated that he had requested the study and that the Commission would decide on distribution.

It was M/S/C to hold the meeting of December 5 in executive session because personnel matters will be discussed.

By-Law Amendment: Commissioner Laws presented Commissioner Figone's proposed by-law amendment regarding participation, pointing out a few changes. Participation shall be a minimum of 12 hours per quarter exclusive of attendance at regular Commission meetings. The hours of participation will be logged with the Commission Secretary instead of the Chief Probation Officer's secretary. It was M/S/C to amend Section 7 of the By-Laws as outlined in Commissioner Figone's September 2 memo to the By-Laws Review Committee with the changes noted above. Commissioners Costello and Smith abstained.

Commissioner Laws moved that the requirement of 12 hours be amended to 18 hours. Several Commissioners expressed opposition to this increase. The matter of quality versus quantity was discussed. The motion failed.

Commissioner Laws requested that the Chief Probation Officer's secretary retype the By-Laws to include this amendment as well as any other amendments made since the By-Laws were last typed. Commissioner Webb suggested that

Commissioner Laws make the necessary revisions and forward them to her office for final typing.

Chairman: Chairman Gordon asked for comments from Commissioners regarding the proposal for a Juvenile Justice Commission Advisory Committee as outlined in his memo of October 27. Commissioner Costello voiced her opposition to such a structured body. She stated that this committee should be made up of individuals who know a great deal about juvenile justice and who would serve as an "on-call" group that would provide input on specific issues as requested by the Commission.

Commissioner Grandin stated that there should be some structure but questions the meetings, by-laws, etc. Chairman Gordon indicated that there are always issues germane to the Commission and that an advisory committee could look into such matters. He stated that Judge Low feels the same way in that there are so many areas that are extremely important to consider and evaluate.

Commissioner Cayton stated that an advisory committee is a good idea but is against too much structure. He also inquired about the selection process and qualification requirements. Chairman Gordon stated that the Commission would select the committee members and would determine the necessary qualifications.

Commissioner Webb stated that she was confused in that Judge Low has talked about a similar adivosry committee that would be made up of former Commissioners who would report to the Judge.

Commissioner Laws indicated that the stuucture of the committee is fine, but in the case of meetings perhaps the committee should only meet when necessary and not on a regular basis.

Chairman Gordon suggested that Commissioners put their thoughts in writing over the next month and plan on discussing the matter further at the December meeting.

LCR Vocational Program: Commissioner Webb stated that she had some information on the vocational program being developed for Log Cabin Ranch. Commissioner Salerno, who was on the Institutions Committee at the time this program was developed, called her for guidance in working with unions since she represents labor on this Commission. Commissioner Webb stated that she has been in contact with Jim Licavoli over the past few months and has introduced him to many key people in the unions. The construction, trade and crafts unions are very interested in the Ranch program and want to give their full support. Just recently Commissioner Webb had the opprrtunity to introduce Mr. Licavoli to every major figurehead in the automotive machinists unions in the Bay Area. This has resulted in some very rewarding developments and it is just a matter of waiting for the funding process to move forward.

Chairman: Chairman Gordon reviewed various meetings and committees being covered by Commissioners. Commissioner Laws will cover the weekly supervisor staff meetings. Commissioner Mayberry will attend the DPCC monthly meetings

with Commissioner Ballou alternating. Commissioner Ballou will attend the monthly Court-Police Liaison meetings. Commissioner Webb will represent the Commission on the Executive Committee of MCJC. Commissioner Basse will serve as the Commission's representative at the JJ/DPC Network III meetings. Commissioner Smith will serve on the Medical Advisory Committee. Commissioner Caesar will be the representative on the AB 90/Youth Services Task Force of MCJC. Commissioner Grandin commented that she had attended task force meetings for Commissioner Caesar on occasion and learned that she could not vote inasmuch as she is not a formal alternate. She asked Chairman Gordon to write a letter to the chairman of the task force in order to clarify the situation.

Status Offender Workshop: Commissioner Grandin reported that plans for the workshop are coming along fine. She will need a large coffee urn, however, as the Commission is providing refreshments. Commissioner Costello said she could lend an urn.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sexual Minority Youth Issue: Commissioner Grandin reported that she was asked by the status offender workshop planning committee to put her recommendations in writing for presentation. She indicated she has the following four recommendations:

1) Meet with people who have sent correspondence to the Commission regarding this matter. Chairman Gordon stated that an hour will be devoted to this at the Commission's December 3 meeting, and he indicated that he needed someone to coordinate such a meeting. He asked Margaret Brodkin, who was present, if she could work with Commissioner Grandin and himself in coordinating this for December 3. She agreed to do so.

2) Consultant. This concurs with Sue Saperstein's recommendation to the Commission. Commissioner Grandin stated that she is pleased to hear that the Department of Public Health's Center for Special Problems was providing on-site staff at the YGC to work with sexual minority youth, indicating that the use of such consultant was her second recommendation.

3) Provide sex and health education for delinquent and sexual minority youth.

4) Assertiveness training for all youth, especially youth who have experienced sexual abuse, to teach youth how to set limits on unwanted touching.

Dr. Grieneeks stated that Commissioner Grandin had received some misleading information with respect to sexual counseling in that sexual counseling has been on-going in the cottages for some time now.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Costello suggested that the Commission should have a finance committee that would review the Juvenile Court budget prior to its presentation to the Board of Supervisors. The committee would first meet with Mr. Botka and

staff to review the budget in concept. Committee members would then attend the Finance Committee meeting of the Board of Supervisors when the Court's budget is presented and testify if appropriate. The committee would also appear before the full Board of Supervisors when the Court's budget is presented.

Commissioner Costello proposed a change in the structure of the Community Liaison Committee that would spread the load of attending community meetings. Committee representatives attending these various community meetings would report Commission policy, opinion or position regarding pertinent subject matter. Committee members would report any information obtained at meetings attended to the chairman of the committee for report back to the Commission. The committee could also invite individuals from other organizations and departments to attend its meeting to provide an indepth exploration of all the issues each organization is involved in. The chairman of the committee could synopsize this information and report back to the Commission. Commissioners were requested to write Commissioner Costello about her suggestions prior to the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Cayton commended Commissioner Webb for her idea of turning in expense checks to the Commission's account. This has resulted in a steady accumulation of funds for any necessary expenses. The Commission's account balance is $216.48. He indicated that Commissioner Grandin should contact him regarding funds for refreshments for the status offender workshop. Commissioner Webb voiced her concern over using the funds in the Commission account for the workshop as the purpose of the account is to send flowers and cards to ill Commissioners, present mementos to out-going Commissioners, etc.

DPC Liaison: Claire Zvanski reported that Jane Asselin was sorry to miss another meeting but would try to make it to the December meeting. She did announce a new breakfast series being sponsored by the Delinquency Prevention Commission and the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Judge Low will be the guest speaker at the December 9 meeting, which will be held at the Presbyterian Church at Sacramento and Van Ness from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Notices will be sent out inviting all Commissioners to attend.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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MINUTES OF DECEMBER 3, 1981 COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was convened by Chairman Gordon at 12:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Gordon, Laws, Ballou, Cayton, Ayala, Basse, Caesar, Costello, Figone, Grandin, Mayberry, Smith, Sprague. Excused: Salerno, Wada, Webb. Absent: Marovich. Staff: Low, Botka, Cain. Guests: Bruce Blumberg, Mayor's Criminal Justice Council; Sally Haskell and Pete Semiraro, Youth Advocacy Project; Alice Washington, Margaret Brodkin and Jean Jacobs, Coleman Children and Youth Services; Jane Asselin, Delinquency Prevention Commission; Laura Grieneeks, YGC Health Care Services; Greg Bonfilio, Public Defender.

Approval of November 5 minutes will be deferred until all Commissioners receive their copy.

Chairman Gordon welcomed all guests in attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Network III November minutes and December meeting notice. Referred to Commissioner Basse. Flyer regarding a training and educational conference sponsored by California Youth at Risk Network, January 8-10, 1982. Riverside County Juvenile Justice Commission newsletter.

JUDGE'S CORNER:

Starting in January, there will be a rotation in the assignments of the Referees and a further rotation in July. This will allow for a variation in judicial assignments so that all Referees will be familiar with the work throughout the Juvenile Court as well as equalizing the workload.

In addition to monthly luncheon meetings with the Referees, Judge Low plans to hold continuing education sessions from time to time to acquaint Referees and Court staff of new developments in the juvenile justice field and services available within the community. A session will be held on December 9 at 3 p.m. to review child sexual trauma prevention programs. Anyone interested in attending is welcome.

The DSS review calendar, started in June 1981, is functioning well. The EDP system is helping to identify cases that seem to have a problem in terms of slow placement, delays in permanent planning, frequent changes in foster home placement and other such matters. More than 50 cases have been referred to the City Attorney's office and will be on Judge Low's calendar in January and

February for legal guardianship or termination proceedings. Staffing and fiscal problems at the City Attorney's office, DSS and in the Probation Department will require coordination to work efficiently to serve the dependent child. The CASA program, under the auspices of the Junior League, Urban League and National Council of Jewish Women, will soon be funded and hopefully their services will be of assistance.

Commissioner Grandin stated that she was pleased that the Judge has established a system for reviewing dependency cases. She suggested that in cases where children are going from placement to placement, there should be a check of the placement facility as well as the placement worker to see whether the problem is in one of those areas. Judge Low stated that he is asking for summaries and monthly reports on those cases being flagged to determine if there is any abuse or neglect. He stated that it would probably take six months or more of running the program before any pattern emerges.

The Judge hopes to expand the use of EDP equipment to allow for the review of problem cases of juveniles on probation under W&I Code 602. He wants to identify and review the probationers who have not complied with the court orders and to see what new community services might be available to assist them. He has begun discussing this with EDP people and hopes this review process might begin soon.

The number of truancy cases involving probationers has decreased. Overall, Judge Low is quite satisfied with the program and thinks it has had a positive effect.

Judge Low remarked that a great deal of time has been devoted to the proposed changes relating to status offenders. Although he has not been directly involved in the planning meetings, Mr. Botka and other Probation staff have been attending these meetings. When the proposal is finalized, the Judge will present it to the Juvenile Court Committee of the Superior Court. He pointed out that any changes in the procedures for dealing with status offenders must meet with the approval of the Judges of the Superior Court.

Chairman Gordon indicated that Commissioner Webb, who has been out of town for the past three weeks and who is suffering from a bad cold, is representing the Commission at the Mayor's Criminal Justice Council meeting taking place at this same time.

REPORTS:

Chief Probation Officer: Mr. Botka referred to the statistical sheet provided to Commissioners. Over the last month status offender admissions are up by 47.9%, which is unusual for this time of year.

Mr. Botka reported that because the count in Juvenile Hall went over capacity on different days last month, some youth slept on matresses on the floor for approximately one to two weeks. After meeting with the Mayor's office, B3 was opened and the condition rectified. Mr. Botka pointed out that no one youth slept on the floor for the entire overcrowded period.

Commissioner Grandin inquired about the increased average length of stay of youth in Juvenile Hall. Mr. Cain stated that private boarding schools and institutions are taking longer and longer to accept children into placement.

Mr. Botka indicated that this is the third year that the Juvenile Court budget has been cut. The department is really at the absolute minimum now and further cutbacks would result in not servicing youth. He stated that he will alert the Mayor's office to the problems of providing service if cutbacks are made in the department's budget for next year.

Mr. Botka announced that the Transition Group Home, operated by the San Francisco Boys Home, is now accepting youth from Log Cabin Ranch. Staff from County Placement Division, which provides aftercare for youth coming out of Log Cabin, will monitor the program. Funding will be provided by DSS and maintenance of minors monies. Mr. Botka suggested that the Commission might like to invite the director to speak at one of its meetings. Commissioner Costello inquired about the possibility of holding a Commission meeting at the group home.

Network III: Commissioner Basse reported that she attended the November meeting of the network. She indicated that the other participants are happy to see that San Francisco will now be represented on a regular basis. The meeting was very informative and centered around exchanging information and ideas and discussing the implementation of the network's goals. A newsletter is being suggested in order to establish a viable communication system and would consist of legislative alerts and a calendar focusing on professional training seminars, meetings and other such matters. It was suggested that a bibliography be compiled of existing materials from CYA, local organizations and state and federal agencies as a resource. It was also suggested that a list of individuals be compiled as possible speakers at meetings. Commissioner Basse asked Commissioners to provide her with any suggestions or information in these areas. Results of the training needs assessment survey will be reported at the December meeting and training will begin in January or February. The members of the network expressed the importance of sharing the activities and events in each other's counties that will effect all counties.

Commissioner Basse stated that a letter from the State Department of Social Services to Pearl West, copies of which were provided to the Commissioners, regarding eligibility of Probation placements for AFDC funding in light of PL 96-272 was discussed at the meeting. She asked Mr. Botka if he could speak to this matter.

Mr. Botka stated that since the passage of PL 96-272, a question has been raised as to whether delinquent children placed in boarding homes and institutions are eligible for AFDC funds. The State DSS feels it is inappropriate and has sent a letter to the CYA proposing that state funds, in the amount currently provided through AFDC, be transferred to the CYA for dissemination to probation departments. The Chief Probation Officers Association feels that the system is working well as currently operated. New regulations in PL 96-272 will be coming out in January and may allow for continued AFDC monies for probation department placements. A survey has been taken whereby all probation departments were

asked to submit information as to the number and cost of placements at the present time in order to determine exactly what is involved.

Commissioner Caesar asked if the proposal would effect adoptions. Mr. Botka indicated that it was his understanding that PL 96-272 was an effort to promote adoptions and minimize the number of children staying in foster and group homes for extended periods of time.

Commissioner Basse stated that Congressman Miller, an author of the legislation, has been asked to speak at the next network meeting. She invited all Commissioners to attend if possible. The meeting will be in Alameda County on December 15.

Juvenile Court: Commissioner Caesar stated that there was an omission in the committee's interim report to the Commission. She indicated that the following statement should be added to that report: The committee members were impressed with the performance of these Referees who acted in a decisive manner.

Legislative: Commissioner Caesar thanked Chairman Gordon for preparing and distributing a report on the subject of "discovery" as discussed at last month's meeting.

Commissioner Caesar read the Commission's letter, under the signature of Chairman Gordon, that has been sent to Assemblyman Felando regarding AB 23. The letter voices the Commission's objections to the bill and strongly urges him to reconsider his proposal. She reported that if the interim committee doesn't meet before January 21, AB 23 will be dead. She urged all Commissioners to write a letter to Assemblyman Felando and send a copy to the Chief Probation Officer's secretary for the files. Letters should be sent by December 15.

Commissioner Caesar indicated that she has provided each Commissioner with a chart showing the life cycle of legislation.

YGC Evaluation: Commissioner Grandin reported that all interviews have been completed and that the report is nearly finished. Her committee needs to meet once more before getting together with the Commission. Therefore, she cancelled the meeting scheduled for December 5. After discussion, it was agreed that the Commission would meet on January 9 at 9 a.m. in Chairman Gordon's office.

DPC: Jane Asselin thanked the Commission for the opportunity to participate in its meeting. She distributed a brochure about the breakfast meeting on December 9, which is featuring Judge Low as the speaker. She pointed out to the Commission that she has served on the committee formulating the status offender plan and that the committee has worked very hard on this project.

DPCC: Commissioner Laws reported that she attended the December meeting and stated that Commissioner Figone made a very good presentation concerning the stay in school program.

Status Offender Workshop: Commissioner Grandin commended the Youth Advocacy Project for its professional way of planning the workshop. In the

morning there were several different panels covering a wide variety of interesting topics. Following lunch several speakers were scheduled to respond to previously submitted questions regarding the status offender plan. Commissioner Grandin remarked that the speakers did not want to commit themselves until the package had been firmed up and yet she felt that the package couldn't be firmed up until their viewpoints had been presented. All in all, the workshop was very successful and she was glad the Commission agreed to co-sponsor it.

Commissioner Laws stated that she had attended the workshop and found it very informative. She indicated that she had missed the presentation made by Dennis Sweeney of the Probation Department but heard positive comments from others on the fine job he did.

Status Offender Proposal: Greg Bonfilio reported that he had just come from the MCJC meeting and that the proposal passed 12-1. The main area of concern centers around the issue of funding and AB 90 money. The AB 90/Youth Services Task Force has been directed to figure out funding and to work into the new program as many AB 90 agencies currently being funded as possible.

Mr. Cain stated that status offenders are basically defined by the law as children beyond parental control. California has a law whereby if parents cannot handle their children the Juvenile Court has the authority to assist the parents and the power to remove children from their homes if necessary. The probation department is the arm of the court and when problems arise with these youth, they are brought to the probation department. This referral and delivery to the probation officer in accordance with the law has been upheld by two different City Attorney opinions. Some of the youth coming to our attention are referred to community groups or special programs. Some are counseled and returned home and do not require any further services. However, there are some youth who will not respond voluntarily to services. They will keep running away, continue to be problems at home, not attend school and so forth. These youth need the authority of the court and the probation department to compel them to obey and to follow through with programs of counseling, therapy and self-help. The Probation Department has an excellent staff in the Family Crisis Division and they do a good job in working with these youth. San Francisco has more than its share of children beyond parental control, especially runaways. There is a real need for everyone to work together on this problem. Mr. Cain urged the Commission to look at the proposal very carefully and consider all aspects before taking a position.

Greg Bonfilio suggested that the Commission invite all interested parties to present their views on the program to the Commission before taking any position on the proposal. Bruce Blumberg agreed with Mr. Bonfilio and stated that the Commission should conduct a full-range review of the plan and separate opinions from facts.

Jean Jacobs stated that the proposal is not the product of Coleman or the Youth Advocacy Project. The Community Services Committee gave a mandate to MCJC to develop a plan. A committee was formed and all interested parties were given the opportunity to participate in the planning process. It is remarkable that MCJC was able to bring together police, probation, private agencies and community

groups to work together in an on-going effort to come up with a plan. The argument that San Francisco children are different and unique is not true. Los Angeles has a large number of runaways from all over the United States and the world. Alameda's plan has been in effect for six or seven years and is working beautifully and costs less. Granted, the start-up and initial period would not result in any savings, but eventually there will be a savings in the program. This change is long, long overdue and she hopes the Commission will become involved and not be the last group to take a stand.

Commissioner Caesar pointed out that the latest material on the plan is in the Commissioners' folders. Bruce Blumberg then distributed an even further update to the Commissioners.

Chairman Gordon asked Judge Low when the Juvenile Court Committee of the Superior Court would be reviewing the plan. Judge Low indicated that it would probably be some time in January.

After some discussion, it was M/S/C to devote the January meeting to the status offender issue and to reschedule the program on the sexual minority youth issue for the February Commission meeting. All interested parties can make their presentations on the status offender issue at the January 7 meeting, and the Commission will have an opportunity to ask questions in order to take a position and make a recommendation to the Superior Court Judges. Commissioner Laws stated that she would like to have the person in charge of the status offender program in Alameda County in attendance to provide information on their operation and answer questions.

Chairman Gordon requested that the January 7 meeting begin at 12 noon and take place in the Chapel.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

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